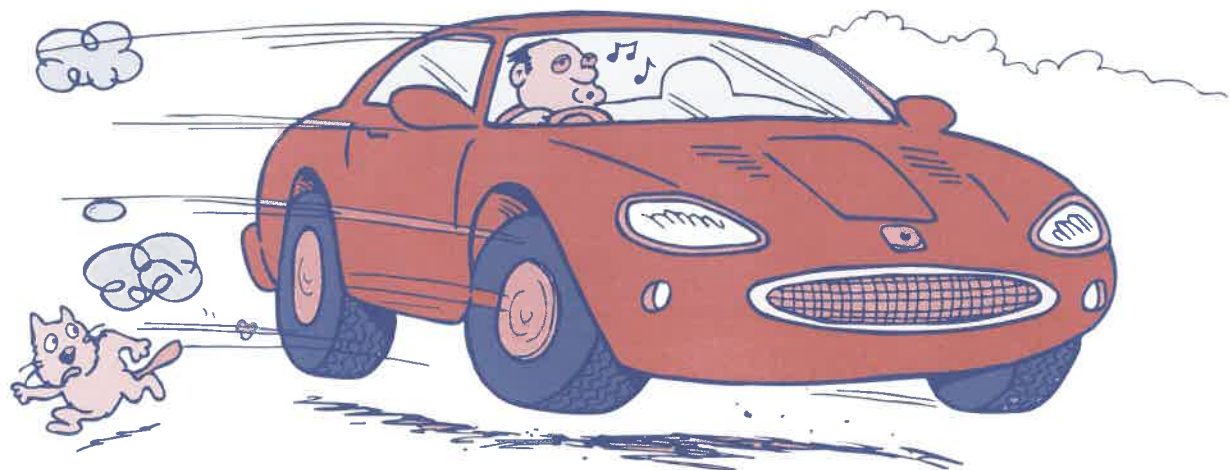## Focus

We can **classify** adverbs according to their **meaning**.
A **thesaurus** is helpful for doing this.

The car sped (**quickly, speedily, hurriedly**) along the road.

The **adverbs** in the brackets all mean roughly the same thing.

Check it out

1. Match up the pairs of adverbs with similar meanings in Set A and Set B.

a)
Set A	Set B
quickly	sluggishly
slowly	silently
noisily	speedily
quietly	merrily
happily	loudly

b)
Set A	Set B
clearly	softly
poorly	wearily
sadly	plainly
gently	badly
tiredly	miserably

Practice

1. Rewrite the sentences below. Replace the adverb in each with an adverb of similar meaning from the box.

a) The man was dressed shabbily.
b) The knight fought the dragon courageously.
c) I will probably try again another time.
d) The shopkeeper eyed the customer warily.
f) I accepted my present gratefully.
g) The children argued furiously.
h) I jumped over the wall awkwardly.
i) The children divided the sweets equally.

thankfully	
untidily	clumsily
fairly	angrily
bravely	possibly
cautiously	

Challenger

1. Divide the adverbs from the word wall into six sets. Each set should contain three adverbs with similar meanings.

pleasantly	expertly	kindly	
	sweetly	cleverly	haughtily
worriedly	abruptly	fearfully	
	tenderly	boastfully	charmingly
anxiously	suddenly	hastily	
	gently	arrogantly	skilfully

So – what have you learned about classifying adverbs according to their meaning?