

## Adverbs song

Below are the lyrics to a song by singer-songwriter Tom Lehrer. As you can see, the song gives seven situations and asks seven questions.

1. **Gap fill:** In each verse, the last syllable on the first line rhymes with the last syllable on the second line. Use this information to predict the missing words.
2. **Adverbs:** Try to provide an answer to each question. In each case, suggest a single word – an adverb that ends with “-ly”.

i. You're wearing your squeaky **shoes**  
And right there taking a \_\_\_\_\_  
Is a tiger  
So how do you walk on by?

ii. You're a secret agent \_\_\_\_\_  
Who's after the secret **plan**  
How do you act so they don't know you're as spy?

iii. At an eating contest you **boast** \*  
That you can eat the \_\_\_\_\_  
How do you down \*\* your fiftieth piece of pie?

iv. On the lake your boat was **upset** (🚤)  
And your clothes got soaking \_\_\_\_\_  
How do you stand and wait for them to dry?

v. In the public library  
You fall and you hurt your \_\_\_\_\_  
But the sign says "quiet please," so how can you cry?

vi. As you walk along the **street**  
A porcupine you \_\_\_\_\_  
How do you shake his hand when he says hi?

vii. You enter a very dark \_\_\_\_\_  
And sitting there in the **gloom** \*\*\*  
Is Dracula!  
Now how do you say goodbye?

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\* If you **boast**, you proudly tell other people about your life, your achievements, your children, what you can do, etc. It is considered a bad thing to do. (E.g. "He never stops boasting about his 7-figure salary.")

\*\* If you **down** something, you drink or eat all of it very fast. (E.g. "Quick! We have to leave. Down your beer.")

\*\*\* **Gloom** = darkness

