

Lesson Vocabulary

Words to Know

Knowing the meanings of these words is important to reading *Ghost Towns of the American West*. Practice using these words.

Vocabulary Words

economic of or about the management of the income, supplies, and expenses of a household, government, etc.

independence freedom from the control, influence, support, or help of others

overrun to spread over

scrawled written or drawn poorly or carelessly

vacant not occupied

Grammar

Adverbs

An **adverb** tells how, when, or where something happens. It can describe a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. Many adverbs that tell how end in *-ly*. You can change adjectives to adverbs by adding *-ly*. A **comparative adverb** compares two people, places, things, or groups. Add *-er* to most adverbs to make them comparative. *For example: longer, faster.* A **superlative adverb** is used to compare three or more people, places, things, or groups. Add *-est* to most adverbs to make them superlative. *For example: longest, fastest.*

Activity

Mix 'n' Match With a family member, cut up some squares of paper and write down a variety of adjectives (e.g. *quiet, cool, dark, slow*). Put the squares in a hat or cup, then take turns picking out squares one at a time. With each square, create an adverb and write it on a sheet of paper. It can be a simple adverb (adding *-ly*) or a comparative or superlative adverb.

Practice Tested Spelling Words

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