

First impressions

How do they dress?

They dress very fashionably, but casually.

1 READING

- a Look at the photos of three cities.
Do you know what countries they are in?



Atlanta



Malmö



Valencia

- b Read two blogs on a travel website, about people's first impressions of two of these cities. Which two are they?
- c Read the blogs again. Answer with the names of the cities.

Where...?

- 1 do people eat a lot of salt and sugar
- 2 do TV shows have subtitles
- 3 are the days very short in winter
- 4 do a lot of people have bad habits when they drive
- 5 is the city safer than the writer thought
- 6 are the houses colorfully painted
- 7 do you see men taking care of young children
- 8 do people speak very slowly

Travel blogs

September
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Kate in _____

The driving

I think people drive **really dangerously**, which surprised me because I thought they were careful drivers here. They don't drive **fast**, but people are always on the phone in the car, which you don't see much in my country nowadays.



The food

The food can be delicious, but I think people eat **very unhealthily**. In restaurants, they often add salt to their food. And they drink a lot of soda! The headquarters of the Coca-Cola company is based here, and they even have a Coca-Cola museum. Once I went to a coffee shop and asked for a double espresso, no milk and no sugar. I had to repeat my order three times because the waitress couldn't understand me. She said people here only ask for lattes and cappuccinos with a lot of sugar!

The people

In general, people are very friendly. The people I'm staying with, who live just outside the city, know all their neighbors **really well**. They often don't lock their doors, which surprised me because people say it's a dangerous city. They speak **incredibly slowly**, with a strong accent and sometimes I have a problem understanding them.

December
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Mark in _____

The weather

It's December and it gets dark at about 3 p.m., which is **depressing**! There's a lot of snow right now, but all the buses and trains are running **perfectly**, not like in my country where everything **stops** when it snows!



The houses

All the houses are painted in pretty colors, like red, green, and blue. And many houses have a yellow and blue flag. Inside, the houses are decorated **beautifully** with a lot of flowers and modern wooden furniture.

The people

People are friendly and polite, but formal. They dress fashionably but casually, and of course, you see a lot of very blond women here. You also see a lot of men who are taking care of very young babies. Everybody speaks English really well, maybe because a lot of the TV is in English with subtitles.

- d Find words in the blogs that mean:

Kate

- Para 1 _____ *adv* at this time
 Para 2 _____ *noun* the office where the leaders of an organization work
 Para 3 _____ *verb* close with a key

Mark

- Para 4 _____ *adj* sth making you feel sad
 Para 5 _____ *adj* made from a tree
 Para 6 _____ *adv* not in a formal way

- e Which of the two cities would you prefer to live in? Why?

2 GRAMMAR adverbs

- a Look at the **highlighted** adverbs in the blogs. Answer the questions.
- What two letters are added to an adjective to make an adverb?
 - Which adverb is the same word as the adjective?
 - Which is the adverb from *good*?
 - Which three adverbs are describing other adverbs?
- b Now look at the **highlighted** adverbs again in Kate's first paragraph. Complete the rules with *before* or *after*.
- Some adverbs describe how people do things.
They go _____ the verb or verb phrase.
 - Some adverbs describe another adverb (or adjective).
They go _____ the adverb (or adjective).
- c **Grammar Bank** Learn more about adverbs and practice them.

- d))) Listen and say what is happening. Use an adverb.

They're speaking quietly.

3 PRONUNCIATION word stress

- a Underline the stressed syllable in the adjectives.

Adjectives	Adverbs
dan ge rous	dangerously
po lite	politely
beau ti ful	beautifully
in cre di ble	incredibly
care ful	carefully
fa shio na ble	fashionably
ca su al	casually
per fect	perfectly
un heal thy	unhealthily

- b))) Listen and check. Repeat the adjectives.
- c))) Now listen and repeat the adverbs. Does the stress change?

4 LISTENING & SPEAKING

- a))) Listen to Jemma talking about the third city. In general, is she positive, negative, or neutral about it?
- b Listen again. Then, with a partner, complete Jemma's sentences.



Eating out

People spend a lot of time in ¹ _____. People who ² _____ go out to have ³ _____. They don't have it in their ⁴ _____.

When people go out in big groups, ⁵ _____ all sit at one end of the table and ⁶ _____ at the other.

The women

Women here talk very ⁷ _____ and very ⁸ _____. Women dress ⁹ _____.

Work

There's a myth that the Spanish don't ¹⁰ _____, but I don't think it's ¹¹ _____.

People have a ¹² _____ lunch break, but they leave work very ¹³ _____.

- c Answer the questions in small groups.

1 In your country or city how do people...?

- dress for special occasions
- treat tourists
- drive
- eat at lunchtime during the week
- speak foreign languages
- behave during sports games
- decorate their houses

2 Think of a time when you went to another country or another city / region in your country for the first time. What did you notice about...?

- the people
- the food
- the driving
- the houses
- the weather

5 WRITING

Choose two headings from the blogs in **1** or the listening in **4**. Write two paragraphs, either about your country or a country you have visited.

GRAMMAR BANK

adverbs (manner and modifiers)

adverbs of manner

They drive **dangerously**.
He dresses **fashionably**.
She eats very **quickly**.
I work **hard**.
We speak English **well**.

- We use adverbs of manner to say how people do things.
- Adverbs usually go after the verb.
*I speak English **very well**.*
NOT *I speak very well English.*

adjective	adverb	spelling
slow quick bad careful	slowly quickly badly carefully	+ -ly
happy easy	happily easily	consonant + y > -ily
possible	possibly	le > -ly
good fast hard	well fast hard	irregular

- Remember the difference between adjectives and adverbs:
*I'm a **careful** driver.* (*careful* is an adjective. It describes the noun, *driver*.)
*I drive **carefully**.* (*carefully* is an adverb. It describes the verb, *drive*.)

modifying adverbs: *very, really, etc.*

It isn't **very** expensive.
She drives **incredibly** fast.
They speak **really** slowly.

- We use modifying adverbs with adjectives or other adverbs.
- They always go before the adjective or adverb.



words ending in -ly

Not all words that end in -ly are adverbs, e.g., *friendly* = adjective.
*He's a **friendly** person.*

a Adjective or adverb? Circle the correct form.

People drive really *dangerous* / *dangerously*.

- 1 He wrote down the phone number *careful* / *carefully*.
- 2 My neighbor's children aren't very *polite* / *politely*.
- 3 My niece plays the piano *beautiful* / *beautifully*.
- 4 Fast food is incredibly *unhealthy* / *unhealthily*.
- 5 Old people often walk very *slow* / *slowly*.
- 6 I bought a *real* / *really* cheap bag at the sale.
- 7 My friend sings very *good* / *well*.
- 8 My sister speaks Spanish *perfect* / *perfectly*.
- 9 We wear *casual* / *casually* clothes to work.
- 10 The view from the top is *incredible* / *incredibly* beautiful.

b Complete with adverbs from these adjectives.

bad careful easy fast good
hard fashionable perfect quiet

The buses and trains in Malmö run *perfectly* when it snows.

- 1 Can you talk _____, please? I'm trying to sleep.
- 2 Don't drive _____ when it's raining.
- 3 I don't like the ocean because I can't swim very _____.
- 4 She picked up the baby _____ and put him in the bathtub.
- 5 We're working _____ because we have an exam.
- 6 I always dress _____ when I go to a party.
- 7 We played _____ in the semifinal game and we lost 5-1.
- 8 She was the best athlete so she won the race _____.