

Adjectives – Adverbs – Comparisons

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Listen and repeat. Then act out.



- **Adjectives** describe nouns. They say what something is like. Adjectives come before nouns or after the verb 'to be.' They have the same form in the singular and plural.

This is a **nice** dress.

(What's the dress like? Nice.)

This train is **slow**.

(What's the train like? Slow.)

These trains are **slow**.

(**NOT** slow!)

Adverbs describe verbs. They say **how, where, when, how often** someone does something.

He left the room **quickly**. (How did he leave the room? **Quickly**.)

She telephoned Jim **yesterday**. (When did she telephone Jim? **Yesterday**.)

Formation of Adverbs

We usually form an adverb by adding **-ly** to an adjective. bad → badly

	Adjective	Adverb
Adjectives ending in -le drop -e and take -y .	simple terrible	simply terribly
Adjectives ending in consonant + y drop -y and take -ily .	happy angry	happily angrily

These adverbs are irregular:

Adjective	good	fast	hard	He's a good dancer. He dances well .
Adverb	well	fast	hard	He's a hard worker. He works hard .

BUT The children were so excited they could **hardly** speak. (hardly = almost not)

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1



Write the correct adverb for each adjective. Listen and repeat.

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|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 1 nice <u>nicely</u> | 5 slow | 9 fresh |
| 2 angry | 6 easy | 10 fine |
| 3 quiet | 7 quick | 11 first |
| 4 good | 8 comfortable | 12 lucky |

2

Label each picture with the correct adjective from the list.

beautiful / ugly
interesting / boring

old / young
thin / fat

heavy / light
old / new



- 1 heavy 2 light 3 4 5 6



- 7 8 9 10 11 12

3

Write what the underlined word is: *adjective* or *adverb*.

- Fast runners win races. adjective
- Mathematics is difficult.
- You've done well on your test.
- The clowns are very funny.
- He runs fast.
- She plays the piano beautifully.
- Dad is very busy in his office.
- The doctor arrived immediately.

4 Underline the correct item.

- 1 He left the room **quiet** / quietly.
- 2 Jane works **hard** / **hardly**.
- 3 He's a very **nice** / **nicely** man.
- 4 The sun is shining **bright** / **brightly**.
- 5 She behaves very **good** / **well**.
- 6 He always dresses **smart** / **smartly**.
- 7 He shouted **angry** / **angrily** at me.
- 8 You drive very **slow** / **slowly**.

5 Fill in the gaps with the correct *adjectives* and *adverbs*.

- 1 boring – great – hardly

A: Did you enjoy your trip?

B: Oh, yes! I had a great time. I had time to sleep!

A: That's great. I wish I could say the same but I had a very holiday.

- 2 busy – beautiful – many – lately

A: Hey Kate! Where have you been ? I have called you times in the past two weeks. You never answered your phone.

B: I'm sorry. I've been very with school and work. I'm free now though. Let's have lunch together. We can have a picnic in the park.

A: Well ...OK! After all, it's a day!

6 Underline the correct item. Then match the beginnings to the endings.

1 ☒ Jackie was 1) **slow** / slowly walking home after a long day at work when 2) **sudden** / suddenly a poster caught her attention. It was a very 3) **beautiful** / beautifully girl. She looked at the poster 4) **careful** / carefully one more time. That was Amy!

2 ☐ Mark loves driving his 1) **expensive** / expensively new sports car. 2) **Unfortunate** / Unfortunately, he also loves driving fast. On that cold winter night, the weather was really 3) **bad** / badly but Mark didn't care. And then he saw the big van in front of him.

3 ☐ Jennifer was smiling 1) **proud** / proudly as she arrived at the church. She looked perfect in her 2) **simple** / simply white dress as she walked 3) **slow** / slowly towards John.

a Later that night, Mark was in hospital but he felt 1) **lucky** / luckily he was alive. He decided never to drive so 2) **careless** / carelessly again.

b When the service finished, the 1) **pretty** / prettily couple ran 2) **quick** / quickly into the car waiting for them outside. A new life was in front of them!

c Jackie looked at Amy and smiled 1) **happy** / happily. She then said to her 2) **soft** / softly: "Congratulations, Amy!"