

Adjectives and adverbs

1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a This difference can be explained quite easy.
b This difference can be explained quite easily.
- 2 a It is clearly that people without money do not have as much freedom.
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Adjectives are used to describe a noun: *Today **life** is very **complicated**.* (*complicated* describes the noun *life*)

To describe a whole idea or situation, we can use *It is* + adjective + *that*-clause or *It is* + adjective + *to* + infinitive:

***It is essential that** you bring back all of your books before the end of term.*

***It is important to begin** studying several weeks before the exam.*

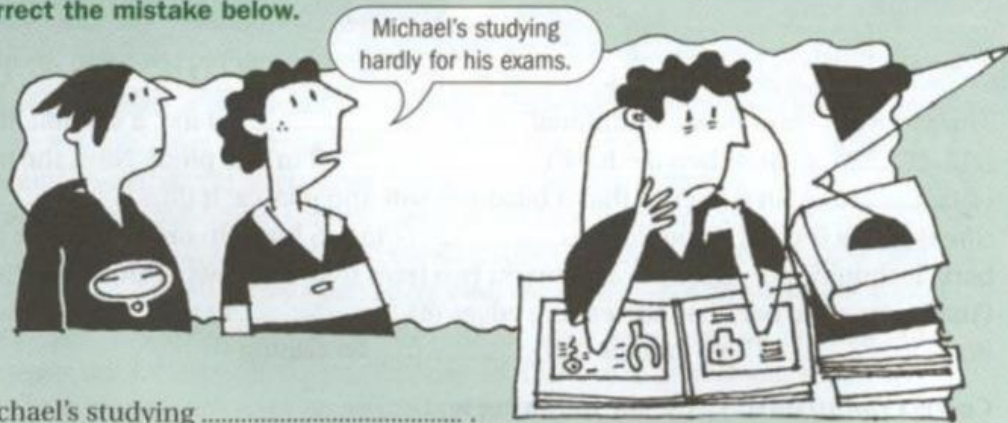
Adverbs can be used to describe a verb: *We must **act quickly**.* (*quickly* describes the verb *act*) or an adjective: *This chart is **significantly different**.* (not *signifecant-different*) (*significantly* is an adverb describing the adjective *different*).

We use adverbs such as *unfortunately* to show how we feel about something:

***Unfortunately**, he's not well.* (*unfortunately* shows I feel this is a bad thing)

☆ Some adverbs are irregular, e.g. *fast, hard, well*: *He ran as **fast** as he could.* (not *fastly*)

2 Correct the mistake below.



3 Underline the correct words.

- 1 I didn't play very *good* / *well* in our last football match.
- 2 In 1980, this figure increased *sharp* / *sharply* to 75%.
- 3 There was a *gradual* / *gradually* increase in numbers between 1990 and 1995.
- 4 It is *clear* / *clearly* that people with experience can find a job more *easy* / *easily*.
- 5 I *strong* / *strongly* agree with this point of view.
- 6 *Severe* / *Severely* punishments may not help to reduce crime.
- 7 *Unfortunate* / *Unfortunately*, I am unable to attend the meeting this Saturday.
- 8 It is *vital* / *vitally* important to address these problems before it is too late.