

49 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 slows)

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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Adjectives – Adverbs – Comparisons

1



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

1 nice *nicely*
 2 angry
 3 quiet
 4 good

5 slow
 6 easy
 7 quick
 8 comfortable

9 fresh
 10 fine
 11 first
 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*

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3

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

1 Fast runners win races.

..... *adjective*

2 Mathematics is difficult.

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3 You've done well on your test.

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4 The clowns are very funny.

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5 He runs fast.

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6 She plays the piano beautifully.

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7 Dad is very busy in his office.

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8 The doctor arrived immediately.

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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 c 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!"