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CULTURAL DIFFERENCES



1 Greetings from abroad

Mark is traveling around the world. Read a few of his emails to his girlfriend. Which country is he writing about?

Argentina Greece Japan Poland Spain

1 _____

The people here are very hospitable. They aren't rude at all. They try to do everything **perfectly**. They keep their homes, offices, and public places very clean. Outside of the big cities, people speak English **badly**. They are very shy and speak very **quietly**. When you enter a store they sometimes run away from you because they're afraid to speak English.

2 _____

People here are very warm and friendly. They speak very **quickly**. It's difficult to understand them sometimes, but they speak English **well**, so this isn't a problem. Many people take it **easy**, especially in the afternoons. They often sleep for an hour or two after lunch. In the evening, young people go out very **late**. They don't go to restaurants before 9 pm and the nightlife usually starts after midnight.

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In general, people here are very friendly. Their language is very difficult to understand, but in the big cities they speak English well and they like talking to tourists. At night, many young people drink **a lot** and become very open, but they sometimes behave **aggressively**.



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People here are very proud of their history. They like talking about the past. It's normal to have a conversation with a taxi driver about philosophy. In the major cities, people drive **dangerously**, so you have to be careful when you cross the road. Everybody eats well and food is very important for them.

5 _____

People here come from different ethnic backgrounds, especially Italian, Spanish, French, and German. They love soccer and talk about this sport a lot. In general, they dress **fashionably** and look good. Dancing is very popular here, the locals dance very well.

Look at the sentences below:

People drive *dangerously*. (adverb)

They are **dangerous** drivers. (adjective)

'Dangerously' is an adverb. Adverbs tell us 'how' people do things. They usually go after the verb (~~People dangerously drive~~). Complete the list below with the adverbs in bold from page 1.

adjective	adverb
slow	
good	
bad	
quiet	
aggressive	
a lot of	
fashionable	
late	



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2 Adverbs

Look at the table below and write the adverbs of the adjectives below.

	Adverbs
regular adjectives	Add -ly slow → slowly quick → quickly If an adjective ends in -le , change -le → -ly fashionable → fashionably terrible → terribly
adjectives ending in consonant + -y	-y → -ily healthy → healthily easy → easily
irregular	good → well fast → fast a lot of → a lot hard → hard late → late early → early

- Jack finished his homework very _____. (easy)
- Japanese people speak very _____. (polite)
- Andrew is the manager of a large company. He works _____. (hard)
- Andrew finishes work at 8 pm. He gets home very _____. (late)
- It is raining _____ outside. (heavy)
- Alice is a very talented musician. She plays the piano _____. (beautiful)
- Robert lives in France now. He speaks French very _____. (good)

Make sentences like in the example, using the adjectives below. Decide if you need to change the adjective to an adverb.

careful	early	fast	good (x2)	hard
late	loud	quiet (x2)	dangerous	terrible

- This city is very dangerous at night. Be careful.
- I can't hear you. You are speaking very _____.
- Kane is a very _____ tennis player. Nobody can beat him.
- I don't feel _____ today. I need to see a doctor.
- It's Friday evening. Drive home _____.
- Olga is a very _____ girl. I can't hear what she is saying.
- Cheetahs can run very _____.
- I'm going to stay at home this evening. The weather is _____.
- Paul works very _____. He sometimes spends his weekends at the office.
- Please don't speak _____. I'm trying to sleep.
- I got up very _____ this morning – at 6 am.
- John never arrives _____ for work. His boss is very happy with him.