

Adverbs



It was the last day of school before the summer holidays. The children walked home, singing songs **loudly** in the afternoon sun.

Language focus

Use **adverbs** to say how someone does, did or will do an action, e.g. *The ambulance driver drove quickly.*

We form many adverbs by adding **-ly** to an adjective:

quick – **quickly** bad – **badly** loud – **loudly**

If an adjective ends in **y**, we change the **y** to an **i** and add **-ly**:

angry – **angrily** happy – **happily** heavy – **heavily**

Some adverbs have an irregular form:

good – **well** hard – **hard** fast – **fast**



1 Write the adverbs.

1 quick quickly

4 careful _____

2 dangerous _____

5 bad _____

3 beautiful _____

6 heavy _____

2 Complete the email with the adverb form of the words from the box.

good quiet loud happy slow quick

To siobhan.odonnell@redworld.com **From** liam.kerr@zmail.com
Subject Our trip to the planetarium

Hi, Aunt Siobhan

The other night, my friends and I went with our parents to a special 'Evening with the Stars' event at the planetarium in town. We met Neil Collins. He used to be an astronaut! He gave us a tour, but he spoke so (1) quietly that we couldn't hear him very (2) . We wanted to say, 'Please could you speak more (3) , Mr Collins?' but we were all very nervous because he was a famous astronaut.

We saw lots of very interesting things. My favourite was a huge telescope. Mr Collins let us move it around. We looked at one part of the night sky, then another. It was very heavy, so we could only move it really (4) . It needed two of us to move it! We were about to go when Mr Collins called us back. 'Come (5) , everyone. Look, you can see Venus! It's so clear we don't even need the telescope!' We all looked up (6) , so excited to be with this famous astronaut who was telling us all about the planets. When I got home, I downloaded his special space app!

Love, Liam

3 Complete the sentences with adverbs.

- 1 My grandad drove so slowly that it took us a long time to get home.
- 2 My brother ran and won the race.
- 3 I walked downstairs because I didn't want anyone to hear me.
- 4 Hold that vase , Tom! You don't want to drop it.
- 5 My sister did in her English exam. She got 89%!
- 6 I played and lost the tennis match 6-2, 6-1.