

Practice



A. This is part of a story about a spy called Patrick. Put in adverbs formed from these adjectives:

bright careful fluent immediate patient punctual quiet safe secret slow

The journey took a long time because the train travelled so (-) **slowly**. It was hot, and the sun shone (1) from a clear sky. Patrick could only wait (2) for the journey to end. When the train finally arrived, he had no time to spare, so he (3) took a taxi to the hotel. Hillary was on time. She arrived (4) at three. No one else knew about the meeting - it was important to meet (5) 'I had a terrible journey', said Hillary. 'But luckily the pilot managed to land (6)'. Her English was good, and she spoke very (7) Patrick was listening (8) to every word. They were speaking very (9) in case the room was bugged.



B. Look at the information in brackets and complete the sentence with an appropriate adverb.

E.g. (Emma's toothache was terrible.) Emma's tooth ached **terribly**.

1. (Henry was angry.) Henry shouted at the waiter.
2. (I'm happy sitting here.) I can sit here for hours.
3. (The switch is automatic.) The machine switches itself off
4. (The debate should be public.) We need to debate the matter
5. (Everyone was enthusiastic.) Everyone discussed the idea

C. Decide what you need to say. End your sentence with an adverb ending in /ly.

e.g. Tell the police that you can't remember the accident. It isn't very clear in your mind.
I can't remember the accident very clearly.

1. Tell your friend that France won the match. It was an easy win.
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2. Tell your boss that you've checked the figures. You've been careful.
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3. Tell your neighbour that his dog barked at you. It was very fierce.
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E. Complete the conversation. Decide if you need "ly" with the words in brackets.

- Mark :** How did you get on with Henry today?
- Sarah:** Oh, we had a nice lunch and some (-) *lively* conversation. Henry was charming, as usual. He gave me a lift back to the office, but it was (1)..... (hard) worth risking our lives to save a few minutes. He (2) (near) killed us.
- Mark :** What do you mean?
- Sarah:** Well, we'd sat a bit too (3) (long) over our meal, and we were (4) (late) getting back to work. Henry drove very (5) (fast). I tried (6) (hard) to keep calm, but I was quite scared. We went (7) (wrong) and missed a left turn, and Henry got annoyed. Then a van came round the corner, and it was coming (8) (straight) at us. I don't know how we missed it.
- Mark :** Well, I'm glad you did. And next time you'd better take a taxi.

F. Complete the conversation. Put in good, well, bad, and badly.

- Rachel :** How did you and Daniel get on with your tennis match?
- Mathew:** We lost, I'm afraid we didn't play very (-) *well*. Daniel made some (1) mistakes. It wasn't a very (2) day for us. We played really (3)
- Andrew :** I hear Daniel's in bed at the moment because he isn't very (4)
- Mathew:** Yes, I'm afraid he hasn't been feeling (5) for several days.