

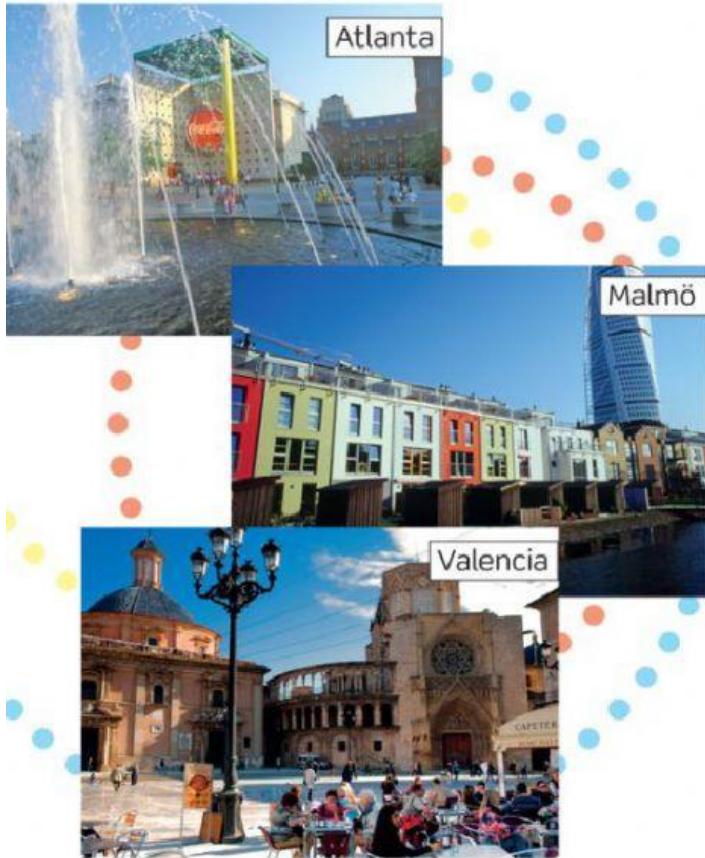
First impressions

How do they dress?

They dress very fashionably, but casually.

1 READING

a Look at the photos of three cities. Do you know what countries they are in?



b Read two blogs on a travel website, about people's first impressions of two of these cities. Which two are they?

c Read the blogs again. Answer with the names of the cities.

Where...?

- 1 do people eat a lot of salt and sugar
- 2 do TV shows have subtitles
- 3 are the days very short in winter
- 4 do a lot of people have bad habits when they drive
- 5 is the city safer than the writer thought
- 6 are the houses colorfully painted
- 7 do you see men taking care of young children
- 8 do people speak very slowly

Travel blogs

September
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Kate in _____

The driving

I think people drive **really** **dangerously**, which surprised me because I thought they were careful drivers here. They don't drive **fast**, but people are always on the phone in the car, which you don't see much in my country nowadays.



The food

The food can be delicious, but I think people eat **very** **unhealthily**. In restaurants, they often add salt to their food. And they drink a lot of soda! The headquarters of the Coca-Cola company is based here, and they even have a Coca-Cola museum. Once I went to a coffee shop and asked for a double espresso, no milk and no sugar. I had to repeat my order three times because the waitress couldn't understand me. She said people here only ask for lattes and cappuccinos with a lot of sugar!

The people

In general, people are very friendly. The people I'm staying with, who live just outside the city, know all their neighbors **really well**. They often don't lock their doors, which surprised me because people say it's a dangerous city. They speak **incredibly slowly**, with a strong accent and sometimes I have a problem understanding them.

December
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Mark in _____

The weather

It's December and it gets dark at about 3 p.m., which is depressing! There's a lot of snow right now, but all the buses and trains are running **perfectly**, not like in my country where everything stops when it snows!



The houses

All the houses are painted in pretty colors, like red, green, and blue. And many houses have a yellow and blue flag. Inside, the houses are decorated **beautifully** with a lot of flowers and modern wooden furniture.

The people

People are friendly and polite, but formal. They dress fashionably but casually, and of course, you see a lot of very blond women here. You also see a lot of men who are taking care of very young babies. Everybody speaks English **really well**, maybe because a lot of the TV is in English with subtitles.

d Find words in the blogs that mean:

Kate

Para 1 *adv* at this time
 Para 2 *noun* the office where the leaders of an organization work
 Para 3 *verb* close with a key

Mark

Para 4 *adj* sth making you feel sad
 Para 5 *adj* made from a tree
 Para 6 *adv* not in a formal way

e Which of the two cities would you prefer to live in? Why?

2 GRAMMAR adverbs

a Look at the **highlighted** adverbs in the blogs. Answer the questions.

- 1 What two letters are added to an adjective to make an adverb?
- 2 Which adverb is the same word as the adjective?
- 3 Which is the adverb from *good*?
- 4 Which three adverbs are describing other adverbs?

b Now look at the **highlighted** adverbs again in Kate's first paragraph. Complete the rules with *before* or *after*.

- 1 Some adverbs describe how people do things.
They go the verb or verb phrase.
- 2 Some adverbs describe another adverb (or adjective).
They go the adverb (or adjective).

c **Grammar Bank** Learn more about adverbs and practice them.

d  Listen and say what is happening. Use an adverb.

 They're speaking quietly.

3 PRONUNCIATION word stress

a Underline the stressed syllable in the adjectives.

Adjectives	Adverbs
dangerous	dangerously
polite	politely
beautiful	beautifully
incredible	incredibly
careful	carefully
fashionable	fashionably
casual	casually
perfect	perfectly
unhealthy	unhealthily

b  Listen and check. Repeat the adjectives.

c  Now listen and repeat the adverbs. Does the stress change?

4 LISTENING & SPEAKING

a  Listen to Jemma talking about the third city. In general, is she positive, negative, or neutral about it?

b Listen again. Then, with a partner, complete Jemma's sentences.



Eating out

People spend a lot of time in ¹ . People who ² go out to have ³ . They don't have it in their ⁴ .

When people go out in big groups, ⁵ all sit at one end of the table and ⁶ at the other.

The women

Women here talk very ⁷ and very ⁸ . Women dress ⁹ .

Work

There's a myth that the Spanish don't ¹⁰ , but I don't think it's ¹¹ .

People have a ¹² lunch break, but they leave work very ¹³ .

c Answer the questions in small groups.

1 In your country or city how do people...?

- dress for special occasions
- treat tourists
- drive
- eat at lunchtime during the week
- speak foreign languages
- behave during sports games
- decorate their houses

2 Think of a time when you went to another country or another city / region in your country for the first time. What did you notice about...?

- the people
- the food
- the driving
- the houses
- the weather

5 WRITING

Choose two headings from the blogs in **1** or the listening in **4**. Write two paragraphs, either about your country or a country you have visited.

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adverbs (manner and modifiers)

adverbs of manner

They drive **dangerously**.

He dresses **fashionably**.

She eats very **quickly**.

I work **carefully**.

We speak English **well**.

- We use adverbs of manner to say how people do things.

- Adverbs usually go after the verb.

NOT *I speak English very well*.

NOT *I speak very well English*.

adjective	adverb	spelling
slow	slowly	
quick	quickly	
bad	badly	
careful	carefully	+ -ly
happy	happily	
easy	easily	consonant + y > -ily
possible	possibly	le > -ly
good	well	
fast	fast	
hard	hard	irregular

- Remember the difference between adjectives and adverbs:

I'm a careful driver. (*careful* is an adjective. It describes the noun, *driver*.)

I drive carefully. (*carefully* is an adverb. It describes the verb, *drive*.)

modifying adverbs: *very*, *really*, etc.

It isn't **very** expensive.

She drives **incredibly** fast.

They speak **really** slowly.

- We use modifying adverbs with adjectives or other adverbs.
- They always go before the adjective or adverb.

words ending in **-ly**

Not all words that end in **-ly** are adverbs, e.g., *friendly* = adjective. *He's a friendly person.*

a Adjective or adverb? Circle the correct form.

People drive **really** *dangerous* / **dangerously**.

- 1 He wrote down the phone number *careful* / **carefully**.
- 2 My neighbor's children aren't very *polite* / **politely**.
- 3 My niece plays the piano *beautiful* / **beautifully**.
- 4 Fast food is **incredibly** *unhealthy* / *unhealthily*.
- 5 Old people often walk very *slow* / **slowly**.
- 6 I bought a *real* / **really** cheap bag at the sale.
- 7 My friend sings very *good* / **well**.
- 8 My sister speaks Spanish *perfect* / **perfectly**.
- 9 We wear *casual* / **casually** clothes to work.
- 10 The view from the top is *incredible* / **incredibly** beautiful.

b Complete with adverbs from these adjectives.

bad careful easy fast good
hard fashionable perfect quiet

The buses and trains in Malmö run *perfectly* when it snows.

- 1 Can you talk _____, please? I'm trying to sleep.
- 2 Don't drive _____ when it's raining.
- 3 I don't like the ocean because I can't swim very _____.
- 4 She picked up the baby _____ and put him in the bathtub.
- 5 We're working _____ because we have an exam.
- 6 I always dress _____ when I go to a party.
- 7 We played _____ in the semifinal game and we lost 5–1.
- 8 She was the best athlete so she won the race _____.