

Cambridge Grammar

Adverbs, Adjectives + Modifiers

Read the theory and solve the activities.

1 Fill in the gaps using the adverb form of the adjectives in brackets.

- 1 Franca picked up the sleeping baby gently (gentle).
- 2 When she handed him his lost wallet, he smiled at her _____ (grateful).
- 3 Irma couldn't see her son anywhere and called his name _____ (anxious).
- 4 They followed the directions to the hotel _____ (easy).
- 5 Tomo admitted his mistake and apologised _____ (sincere).
- 6 I can't text as _____ as my sister. (fast)
- 7 You have to press the button _____ to make the machine start. (hard)
- 8 The taxi driver was _____ rude to the man with the big suitcase. (terrible)

2 Choose the correct words.

- 1 Eleni stepped *confident* / confidently onto the stage to begin her talk.
- 2 The meeting at lunchtime was a *complete* / *completely* waste of time.
- 3 Marushka did *good* / *well* in the exam and she won a prize.
- 4 Mark tried *hard* / *hardly* to make the hotel receptionist understand him, but his Spanish wasn't *fluent* / *fluently* enough.
- 5 After looking at the computer screen all day, I had an *awful* / *awfully* headache.
- 6 Even though Deborah did the job *efficient* / *efficiently*, they sacked her after two months.
- 7 The doctor couldn't understand why Carol felt so hot because her temperature was *normal* / *normally*.
- 8 The boy behaved *bad* / *badly* on a school trip so the school refused to take him on any more.
- 9 The hotel was *far* / *further* from the station than we'd expected.

3 Rewrite these sentences with the adverbs and adverbial phrases in suitable positions.

- 1 Pavel plays the guitar well for his age. (*incredibly*)
Pavel plays the guitar incredibly well for his age.
- 2 They eat steak because it is so expensive. (*rarely, nowadays*)

- 3 My grandfather used to take us swimming. (*in the summer holidays, in the lake*)

- 4 There is a good film on TV. (*usually, on Sunday evenings*)

- 5 My mother insisted that good manners are important. (*terribly, always*)

- 6 The party had started when the sound system broke, which meant we couldn't dance. (*hardly, all evening*)

4 Complete the text below with these adverbs.

always earlier hardly now rather silently skilfully stiffly very warmly

She shut the door (1) silently after her. Her father wasn't expecting her – she had arrived (2) _____ than she had said. He was sitting where he (3) _____ sat, in his favourite armchair by the window. It was (4) _____ old but had been repaired (5) _____ so that he could continue using it. The room had been redecorated since her last visit and was looking (6) _____ elegant. On the shelves were all the books which her father (7) _____ ever looked at any more.

She called his name. He stood up and she noticed that he moved very (8) _____. He smiled and held out his arms to her. She hadn't been in touch with him for five years but (9) _____ he welcomed her as (10) _____ as he always had.

5 Choose the correct sentence from each pair.

- 1 a The child spread the jam thickly on the piece of bread. ✓
b The child spread thickly the jam on the piece of bread.
- 2 a My grandmother drives more careful since she got older.
b My grandmother drives more carefully since she got older.
- 3 a I never have bought anything from that expensive shop over there.
b I have never bought anything from that expensive shop over there.
- 4 a Unfortunately, we can't come to the party after all.
b We can't unfortunately come to the party after all.
- 5 a My uncle speaks Spanish very well because he lived in Peru for a while.
b My uncle speaks very well Spanish because he lived in Peru for a while.
- 6 a My sister doesn't make friends as easily than I do.
b My sister doesn't make friends as easily as I do.

6 Correct the mistake in each of the following sentences by Cambridge First candidates.

- 1 The new trains will help them to get back to their homes quicklier. more quickly
- 2 The new computer system means that you can find what you are looking for more easy. _____
- 3 The teacher was happy with our work because we had worked hardly all day. _____
- 4 I like shoes really much because they say so much about a person. _____
- 5 We had a party on the beach and it was very fun. _____
- 6 You have to pay attention very well carefully to your health and eat properly. _____
- 7 If you go and live in Paris for a year, you will be able to speak French fluent. _____
- 8 You need to dress good for the interview, so they think you are professional. _____

Reading and Use of English Part 3

For questions 1–8, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in **the same line**. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Exam tip
You will need to make more than one change to some words.

ASTRONAUTS

There are two types of astronaut. Some people are (0) commanders and they fly the spacecraft. Others are carefully trained specialists who conduct (1) _____ experiments of various kinds and also carry out spacewalks to repair damaged (2) _____.

Astronauts must pass a lot of medical tests and be qualified in a relevant subject. They have to be willing to live in an (3) _____ small space and work well with other people. It is possible for experiments to go (4) _____ wrong, threatening the (5) _____ of the astronauts. They have to be able to react calmly in a difficult situation and they must also be prepared to work hard.

The first British astronaut was, (6) _____, a woman – most astronauts are male. Helen Sharman got the job after hearing an announcement on the radio. There were 18,000 applicants and, (7) _____ for Helen, she was chosen. She said that the most (8) _____ thing for her was seeing the Earth from 120 miles into space.

COMMAND

SCIENCE
EQUIP

EXTREME
DANGER
SAFE

USUAL

LUCK
AMAZE

Grammar focus task

Find eight adverbs in the completed text above. Write the adverb and the adjective which it comes from.

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| 1 | <u>carefully</u> | <u>careful</u> |
| 2 | _____ | _____ |
| 3 | _____ | _____ |
| 4 | _____ | _____ |
| 5 | _____ | _____ |
| 6 | _____ | _____ |
| 7 | _____ | _____ |
| 8 | _____ | _____ |



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