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### Adjectives and adverbs

#### 1 Tick the correct sentence in each pair.

- 1 a This difference can be explained quite easy.  
b This difference can be explained quite easily.
- 2 a It is clearly that people without money do not have as much freedom.  
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Adjectives are used to describe a noun: *Today life is very complicated.* (*complicated* describes the noun *life*)

To describe a whole idea or situation, we can use *It is + adjective + that-clause* or *It is + adjective + to + infinitive*:

***It is essential that you bring back all of your books before the end of term.***

***It is important to begin studying several weeks before the exam.***

Adverbs can be used to describe a verb: *We must act quickly.* (*quickly* describes the verb *act*) or an adjective: *This chart is significantly different.* (not *significant different*) (*significantly* is an adverb describing the adjective *different*).

We use adverbs such as *unfortunately* to show how we feel about something:

***Unfortunately, he's not well.*** (*unfortunately* shows I feel this is a bad thing)

★ Some adverbs are irregular, e.g. *fast, hard, well*: *He ran as fast as he could.* (not *fastly*)

#### 2 Correct the mistake below.



#### 3 Underline the correct words.

- 1 I didn't play very *good / well* in our last football match.
- 2 In 1980, this figure increased *sharp / sharply* to 75%.
- 3 There was a *gradual / gradually* increase in numbers between 1990 and 1995.
- 4 It is *clear / clearly* that people with experience can find a job more *easy / easily*.
- 5 I *strong / strongly* agree with this point of view.
- 6 *Severe / Severely* punishments may not help to reduce crime.
- 7 *Unfortunate / Unfortunately*, I am unable to attend the meeting this Saturday.
- 8 It is *vital / vitally* important to address these problems before it is too late.