22 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.



Michael's studying ..... .

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.

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