

Adverbs

Adjectives and Adverbs

- **Adjectives** are connected with **nouns** and **pronouns**. They usually describe people or things.
- **Adverbs** are connected with other words, usually **verbs**. They usually describe **how something happens**. These often end in **-ly**.

It's an *easy* language.

The music is *slow*.

Joe looked *hungry*.

You can learn this language *easily*.

The pianist is playing *slowly*.

Joe ate *hungrily*.

How to form Adverbs:

- usually: adjective + **-ly** quick → quick**ly** complete → complet**ely** real → reall**ly**
- **-y** → **-ily** easy → eas**ily** happy → happ**ily**
- **-ble** → **-bly** possible → poss**ibly**
- irregular good → **well** fast → **fast**

- **Adverbs** can go before **adjectives**, and before **past participles** (e.g. broken, finished):
 - **terribly** sorry (not ~~terrible~~ sorry)
 - **nearly** ready
 - **completely** finished

A) Choose an adjective or an adverb.

- Could I have a _____ word with you (quick/quickly)
- She walked away _____. (quick/quickly)
- This is a _____ train – it stops everywhere. (slow/slowly)
- He talked very _____ about his work. (interesting/interestingly)
- You've cooked these dishes _____. (beautiful/beautifully)
- She writes in _____ English. (perfect/perfectly)
- I sing very _____. (bad/badly)
- I feel _____ today. (happy/happily)
- You seem very _____. (angry/angrily)
- Could you talk more _____, please? (quiet/quietly)

B) Write the adverbs.

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|------------|-------|--------------|-------|-----------------|-------|
| 1. wrong | _____ | 5. thirsty | _____ | 9. cold | _____ |
| 2. final | _____ | 6. probable | _____ | 10. unhappy | _____ |
| 3. sincere | _____ | 7. usual | _____ | 11. comfortable | _____ |
| 4. loud | _____ | 8. wonderful | _____ | 12. nice | _____ |

Adverbs – KEY

A)

1. quick
2. quickly
3. slow
4. interestingly
5. beautifully
6. perfect
7. badly
8. happy
9. angry
10. quietly

B)

1. wrongly
2. finally
3. sincerely
4. loudly
5. thirstily
6. probably
7. usually
8. wonderfully
9. coldly
10. unhappily
11. comfortably
12. nicely