



Adjective-Adverb Usage

About These Problems

An adjective is a word that describes a noun. An adverb is a word that describes a verb or an action. The most common problem you will encounter is an adjective used as an adverb and vice versa. Other problems include using superlatives ("er" vs. "est") and using adjectives too many times to describe something redundantly.

Question. The man who bought the sandwich ate it quick and went back to work.

- A. ate it quick and went
- B. ate it quickly and went
- C. eats it quick and went
- D. ate it quick and goes
- E. ate it quickly and is going

Answer. B: The word "quick" is describing the manner in which he ate the sandwich. It should be an adverb and so it should be "quickly."

Question. Between the developers and the testers, the testers work
A B
hardest in the company. No Error

C D E

Answer. C: There are only two subjects to compare, "developers" and "testers." "Hardest" is a superlative used to describe more than two subjects so the correct usage of the word would be "harder."