

# Adverbs

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# Adverbs from Adjectives – Examples #1

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- He is a *quick* swimmer.
- He swims *quickly*.
  
- She paints *beautiful* pictures.
- She paints *beautifully*.
  
- The *efficient* secretary organised the event.
- The secretary organised the event *efficiently*.

# Adverbs from Adjectives – Examples #2

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There are some variations and exceptions.

Adjectives that end in 'll' only add a 'y'.

- Sarah is *shrill* when she sings.
- Sarah sings *shrilly*.

# Adverbs from Adjectives – Examples #3

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Adjectives that end in 'le' depend on the letter before the 'le'.

If the letter before the 'le' is a consonant, replace 'le' with 'ly'.

- The medic lifted the injured driver in a *gentle* way.
- He lifted the injured driver *gently*.

If the letter before 'le' is a vowel, this follows the standard 'add ly' rule.

- The *agile* girl jumped over the wall.
- She jumped *agilely* over the wall.
- (exception: whole -> wholly)

# Adverbs from Adjectives – Examples #4

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Adjectives that end in 'y' depend on the letter before the 'y'.

If the letter before the 'y' is a consonant, replace 'y' with 'ily'.

- The problem was *easy* to solve. She solved the problem *easily*.
- (exceptions: shy → shyly, sly → slyly).

If the letter before 'y' is a vowel, this follows the standard 'add ly' rule.

- The *coy* woman answered the question.
- She answered *coily*. (exception: gay → gaily)

# Adverbs from Adjectives – Examples #5

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Adjectives that end in 'ic' add 'ally' to make the adverb.

- They are *enthusiastic* musicians.
- They play *enthusiastically*.

For adjectives that end in 'ue', replace 'ue' with 'uly' to form the adverb.

- The witness spoke *true* words.
- The witness answered *truly*.

# Adverbs from Adjectives – Examples #6

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Some adverbs don't end in 'ly' at all.

Adjective	Adverb
<i>fast</i>	fast
<i>hard</i>	hard
<i>little</i>	little
<i>much</i>	much
<i>straight</i>	straight
<i>good</i>	well