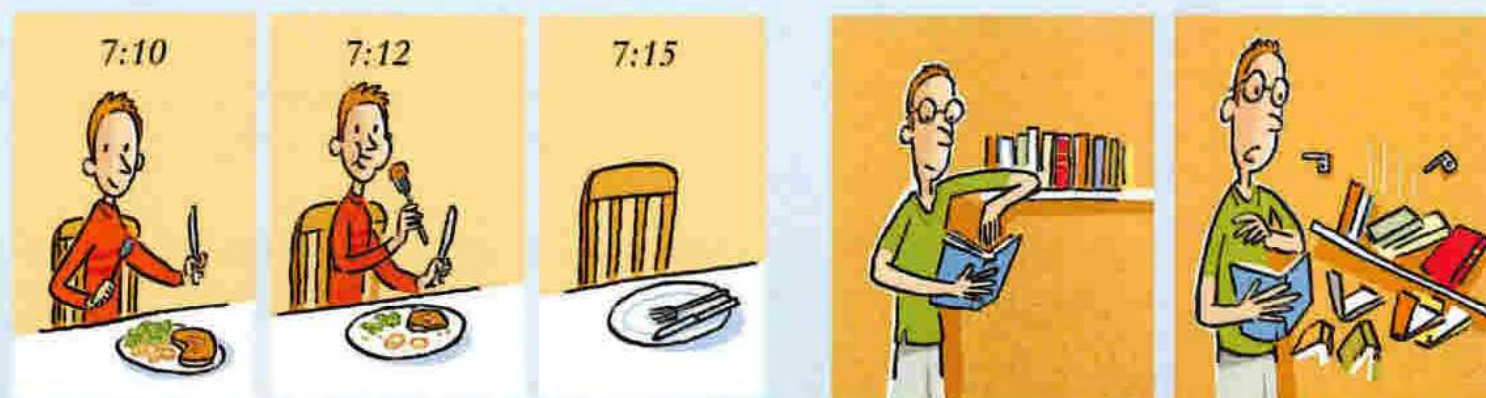


quickly/badly/suddenly, etc. (adverbs)

A



He ate his dinner very **quickly**.

Suddenly, the shelf fell down.

Quickly and **suddenly** are adverbs.

adjective + **-ly** → adverb:

adjective	quick	bad	sudden	careful	heavy	
adverb	quickly	badly	suddenly	carefully	heavily	etc.

For spelling, see Appendix 5. easy → easily heavy → heavily

B

Adverbs tell you *how* something happens or *how* somebody does something:

- The train **stopped suddenly**.
- I **opened** the door **slowly**.
- Please **listen carefully**.
- I **understand** you **perfectly**.



It's raining **heavily**.

Compare:

adjective

- Sue is very **quiet**.
- **Be careful!**
- It was a **bad** game.
- I felt **nervous**.
(= I was nervous)

adverb

- Sue **speaks** very **quietly**. (*not* speaks very quiet)
- **Listen carefully!** (*not* listen careful)
- Our team **played** **badly**. (*not* played bad)
- I **waited** **nervously**.

C

Hard fast late early

These words are adjectives *and* adverbs:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sue's job is very hard. ■ Ben is a fast runner. ■ The bus was late/early. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sue works very hard. (<i>not</i> hardly) ■ Ben can run fast. ■ I went to bed late/early. |
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D

Good (adjective) → **well** (adverb)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Your English is very good. ■ It was a good game. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ You speak English very well. (<i>not</i> very good) ■ Our team played well. |
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But **well** is also an adjective (= not sick, in good health):

- "How are you?" "I'm very **well**, thank you. And you?"

87.1 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences with these adverbs:

angrily badly dangerously fast ~~heavily~~ quietly



1. It's raining heavily .
2. He sings very _____ .
3. They came in _____ .
4. She shouted at me _____ .
5. She can run very _____ .
6. He was driving _____ .

87.2 Complete the sentences. Choose from the boxes.

come	know	sleep	win	+	carefully	clearly	hard	well
explain	listen	think	work		carefully	easily	quickly	well

1. I'm going to tell you something very important, so please listen carefully .
2. They _____ . At the end of the day they're always tired.
3. I'm tired this morning. I didn't _____ last night.
4. You play chess much better than me. When we play, you always _____ .
5. _____ before you answer the question.
6. I've met Alice a few times, but I don't _____ her very _____ .
7. Our teacher doesn't _____ things very _____ . We never understand him.
8. Helen! I need your help. _____ !

87.3 Which is right?

1. Don't eat so ~~quick~~ / quickly. It's not good for you. (*quickly* is right)
2. Why are you angry / angrily? I didn't do anything.
3. Can you speak slow / slowly, please?
4. Come on, Dave! Why are you always so slow / slowly?
5. Bill is a very careful / carefully driver.
6. Jane is studying hard / hardly for her exams.
7. "Where's Diane?" "She was here, but she left sudden / suddenly."
8. Please be quiet / quietly. I'm studying.
9. Some companies pay their workers very bad / badly.
10. Those oranges look nice / nicely. Can I have one?
11. I don't remember much about the accident. Everything happened quick / quickly.

87.4 Write good or well.

1. Your English is very good . You speak it very well .
2. Jackie did very _____ on the quiz today.
3. The party was very _____ . I enjoyed it a lot.
4. Martin has a difficult job, but he does it _____ .
5. How are your parents? Are they _____ ?
6. Did you have a _____ vacation? Was the weather _____ ?