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Adjectives and Adverbs (1) (quick/quickly)

A

Look at these examples:

- Our vacation was too short the time passed very quickly.
- The driver of the car was seriously injured in the accident.

Quickly and seriously are adverbs. Many adverbs are made from an adjective + -ly:
adjective: quick serious careful quiet heavy bad
adverb: quickly seriously carefully quietly heavily badly

For spelling, see Appendix 6.

Not all words ending in -ly are adverbs. Some adjectives end in -ly too, for example: friendly lively elderly lonely silly lovely

B

Adjective or adverb?

Adjectives (quick/careful, etc.) tell us about a *noun*. We use adjectives before nouns and after some verbs, especially be:

- Tom is a careful driver. (not a carefully driver)
- We didn't go out because of the heavy rain.
- Please be quiet.
- I was disappointed that my test results were so bad.

We also use adjectives after the verbs look/feel/sound, etc. (see Unit 96C):

Why do you always look so serious?

Compare:

She speaks perfect English

adjective + noun

Compare these sentences with look:

 Tom looked sad when I saw him. (= he seemed sad; his expression was sad) Adverbs (quickly/carefully, etc.) tell us about a *verb*. An adverb tells us how somebody does something or how something happens:

- Tom drove carefully along the narrow road. (not drove careful)
- We didn't go out because it was raining heavily. (not raining heavy)
- Please speak quietly. (not speak quiet)
- I was disappointed that I did so badly on the test. (not did so bad)
- Why don't you ever take me seriously?
- She speaks English perfectly .

 verb + object + adverb
- Tom looked at me sadly. (= he looked at me in a sad way)

C

We also use adverbs before adjectives and other adverbs. For example:

reasonably cheap terribly sorry (adverb + adjective) incredibly quickly (adverb + adverb)

- It's a reasonably cheap restaurant, and the food is extremely good.
- Oh, I'm terribly sorry. I didn't mean to push you. (not terrible sorry)
- Maria learns languages incredibly quickly.
- The test was surprisingly easy.

You can also use an adverb before a past participle (injured/organized/written, etc.):

- Two people were seriously injured in the accident. (not serious injured)
- The meeting was very badly organized.

Exercises

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	Cor	nplete the sentences with a	dverbs. The first le	etters of each ac	dverb are given.		
	1. We didn't go out because it was raining h eavily .						
	2. Our team lost the game because we played very ba						
	3.	3. I had no trouble finding a place to live. I found an apartment quite ea					
	4.	4. We had to wait for a long time, but we didn't complain. We waited pat					
		5. Nobody knew Steve was coming to see us. He arrived unex					
	6.	Mike stays in shape by playi	ng tennis reg				
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97.2	Put	in the right word.					
	1.	The driver of the car was _	seriously	injured. (serious / seriously	7)	
	2.	I think you behaved very _ Kelly is		(selfish /	selfishly)		
	3.	Kelly is	upset abou	it losing her job.	(terrible / terribly	7)	
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	5.	Everybody at the party was	S	dressed	l. (colorful / color	rfully)	
	6.	Linda likes wearing		_ clothes. (colori	tul / colorfully)		
	/.	She fell and hurt herself qu	ite	(ba	d / badly)		
	8.	These pants started coming	apart after I wore	them only once.	I hey're	\n'	
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