

Adjectives and Adverbs

Adjectives such as beautiful, nice, and red describe nouns. Adverbs such as quickly, badly, or warmly describe verbs. This page will explain the differences between them, and show you how to make adverbs from adjectives.

Using adjectives and adverbs:

Adjective	Adverb	Example
beautiful		Ann is beautiful.
	beautifully	Ann sings beautifully.
warm		The room is warm.
	warmly	Joe smiles warmly.
slow		The car is slow.
	slowly	Ann drives slowly.

Making adverbs from adjectives

Adverbs are usually made from adjectives, by adding -LY. However, there are some exceptions. These are the rules:

Adjective ending in... y	How to make the adverb Change Y to I and add -LY	Examples heavy - heavily happy - happily lazy - lazily
[anything else]	Just add -LY	warm - warmly nice - nicely loud - loudly

However, there are some **important exceptions**:

Adjective	Adverb
good	well
late	late (“Lately” means recently. It is not the adverb from “late”.)
early	early
fast	fast
hard	hard (“Hardly” means not much. It is not the adverb from “hard”.)