


Namaste English

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on

Adverbs

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Adverbs Day 11



Introduction to the course

- ❖ It's important that we have the knowledge of Adverbs along with the knowledge of tenses and grammar topics. So, this time we have brought a special course for you all.
- ❖ In this course you will get mastery on Adverbs.
- ❖ Your spoken part will improve.
- ❖ Your written part will be rhetoric, after you have attended all the sessions of this course.

Adverb Form

We make many adverbs by adding **-ly** to an adjective, for example:

- **quick** (adjective) > **quickly** (adverb)
- **careful** (adjective) > **carefully** (adverb)
- **beautiful** (adjective) > **beautifully** (adverb)

There are some basic rules about spelling for **-ly** adverbs. See the table below:

adjective ending	do this	adjective	adverb
most adjectives	add -ly	quick nice sole careful	quickly nicely solely carefully
-able or -ible	change -e to -y	regrettable horrible	regrettably horribly
-y	change -y to -ily	happy	happily
-ic	change -ic to -ically	economic	economically

But not all words that end in **-ly** are adverbs. The following **-ly** words, for example, are all adjectives:

- friendly, lovely, lonely, neighbourly

And some adverbs have no particular form. Look at these examples:

- well, fast, very, never, always, often, still

Use of Some Common Adverbs

Bad or Badly

Bad is an adjective used with linking verbs such as *feel, seem, be, look, etc.*

Incorrect: I feel badly that he is not taking part in the game.

Correct: I feel bad that he is not taking part in the game.

Badly is an adverb used to modify action verbs.

Incorrect: Sometimes Hollywood romance ends bad.

Correct: Sometimes Hollywood romance ends badly.

Calm or Calmly

Calm is an adjective, and it is used to modify nouns and pronouns. It is also used with linking verbs.

Incorrect: She appeared calmly after the accident.

Correct: She appeared calm after the accident.

Calmly is an adverb that modifies verbs.

Incorrect: She tried to be brave and take the bad news calm.

Correct: She tried to be brave and take the bad news calmly.

Easy or Easily

Easy is an adjective used to modify nouns and pronouns. It is also used with linking verbs.

Incorrect: The assignment looked easily.

Correct: The assignment looked easy.

Easily is an adverb, and it is used to modify verbs.

Incorrect: The players were moving easy around the field.

Correct: The players were moving easily around the field.

Good or Well

Good is an adjective. It is also often used with linking verbs.

Incorrect: It felt well to score an A on the final.

Correct: It felt good to score an A on the final.

Well, when used as an adjective, implies "in good health." When used as an adverb, *well* means "expertly."

Correct: My grandmother looks well even now in her eighties.

Incorrect: My friend plays the piano good.

Correct: My friend plays the piano well. (expertly)

Real or Really

Really is an adverb, and it modifies other adverbs, verbs, or adjectives. It has a meaning of "very."

Incorrect: Students did real well on the midterm.

Correct: Students did really well on the midterm.

Real is an adjective, and can be used to modify nouns or noun phrases. It has a meaning of "true or genuine."

Incorrect: Students took a really midterm last week.

Correct: Students took a real midterm last week.

Slow or Slowly

Slow can be used as an adjective and as an adverb. In the first example, *slow* is an adverb and in the second one, it is an adjective.

Correct: The traffic is moving slow. This is a slow dance.

Slowly is only an adverb. It can replace *slow* anywhere it is used as an adverb. *Slowly* also appears in sentences with auxiliary verbs where *slow* cannot be used.

Incorrect: He has been slow recovering from his knee injury.

Correct: He has been slowly recovering from his knee injury.

Adverb Placement in Sentences

Sometimes, the use of a certain adverb requires the inversion of the subject and the verb. If a sentence begins with a negative adverb or an adverb with restrictive meaning, it must have an inverted word order.

Correct: Never before have I encountered such persistence in a student.

Correct: Seldom do we come across such talent.

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