

## Adjectives and Adverbs

### Introduction

1) An adjective is a word or set of words that modifies (i.e. describes) a noun or pronoun. Adjectives may come before or after the word they modify.

*This is a **cute** cat. This cat is **cute**.*

An adverb is a word or set of words that modifies verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs. Usually adverbs modify verbs, telling us how, how often, when, or where something was done.

*We walked **really slowly**.*

2) Adjectives tell us something about a person or a thing. Adjectives can modify nouns (e.g. girl, boy etc.) or pronouns (e.g. we, it etc.).

*Lilly is an **honest** person.*

*The movie was **awful!** The plot is simply **boring**.*

There are many pairs of adjectives ending in *-ing* and *-ed*. Remember that if something is *-ing*, it makes you *-ed*.

*He is **excited** because the event is **exciting**.*

*I am **annoyed** because this whole situation is **annoying**.*

Sometimes we use two or more adjectives together. Quantity/number and quality/opinion adjectives usually go before fact adjectives.

article	quantity/number	quality/opinion	fact	noun
<i>a</i>		<i>nice</i>	<i>sunny</i>	<i>morning</i>
	<i>two</i>	<i>intelligent</i>	<i>young</i>	<i>ladies</i>
<i>a</i>		<i>beautiful</i>	<i>large round wooden</i>	<i>table</i>

There are times when we use two or more fact adjectives. We put fact adjectives in the following order:

article	size	age	shape	colour	material/origin	purpose	noun
<i>a</i>	<i>big</i>	<i>old</i>	<i>round</i>		<i>wooden</i>		<i>table</i>
		<i>new</i>		<i>white</i>		<i>tennis</i>	<i>shoes</i>
<i>a</i>	<i>tall</i>	<i>young</i>			<i>Polish</i>		<i>boy</i>

The types of adjectives will be covered in the following lessons.

An adverb is a word or set of words that modifies:

a) verbs, telling how, how often, when, or where something was done.

*The cars drove **fast**.*

b) adjectives, making them stronger or weaker.

*Ann looked **absolutely** amazing!*

c) other adverbs, changing their degree or precision.

*You're speaking **too** loudly.*

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### Short Story Dialogue

– How are you doing **today**?

– I'm **really tired**! We've got a **very important** project to work on.

– It must be **tiring**! Is it going **well** though?

– Yes, **very well**! Our department is **quite big** so one could imagine that there would be problems with task management. But I must say that my co-workers are **extremely professional and responsible**.

–Everything is going to be **great**! The amount of dedication you have is **amazing**!

**Independent Practice - Adjectives and Adverbs**

**1) Decide whether an adjective or an adverb should be used.**

- a. Your house is very close/closely to ours.
- b. She moved quick/quickly around the shop.
- c. Listen careful/carefully! I won't repeat it again.
- d. It is not as bad/badly as it sounds.

**2) Put the adjectives into the correct order.**

a. Our apartment is ... and ... (modern, spacious).	..... .....
b. I want to hear ... reasons why you don't want to go with us (good, two).	..... .....
c. Marina has ... dogs (black and white, lovely, two).	..... .....

**3) Answer the questions.**

a. How often do you go to the movies?	..... .....
b. Are you close to your family?	..... .....
c. What is something that you can do extremely well?	..... .....

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## Independent Practice: Answers - Adjectives and Adverbs

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- b. She moved quick/**quickly** around the shop.
- c. Listen careful/**carefully**! I won't repeat it again.
- d. It is not as **bad**/badly as it sounds.

### 2) Put the adjectives into the correct order.

- a. Our apartment is **modern and spacious**.
- b. I want to hear **two good** reasons why you don't want to go with us.
- c. Marina has **two lovely black and white** dogs.

### 3) Answer the questions. Sample Answers:

- a. I go to the movies quite often.
- b. Yes, I'm very close to my family.
- c. I can play the guitar extremely well.