

ADJECTIVE VS. ADVERB USAGE

An **adjective** describes a noun (a person, place, or thing).

An **adverb** describes a verb (an action).

ADJECTIVES	vs	ADVERBS
Slow		Slowly
Quick		Quickly
Quiet		Quietly
Loud		Loudly
Bad		Badly
Strange		Strangely
Happy		Happily
Lucky		Luckily



QUICK TIPS

- Most adverbs are formed by adding **-ly** to an adjective. If the adjective ends in most letters except **-y**, just add **-ly**.
- If the adjective ends in **-y**, → Change the **-y** to **-i**, then add **-ly**.

Adjective vs. Adverb

Adjective

for **nouns**

nice

happy

quiet

A nice **movie**

The happy **girl** is dancing.

He is quiet when he studies.

Adverb (adj. + ly)

for **verbs & adjectives**

nicely

happily

quietly

A nicely made movie

The girl is dancing happily.

He studies quietly.

Look and Write!

1. Jason is a _____ person. (nice/nicely)
2. Nikkie always paints _____ pictures in art class. (beautiful/beautifully)
3. Nikkie always paints pictures _____ in art class. (beautiful/beautifully)
4. Can you turn the music down? It's too _____! (loud/loudly)
5. Earlier I saw Bill walking _____ out of the room. (angry/angrily)
6. Earlier Bill was _____ and walked out of the room. (angry/angrily)
7. Nikkie was dancing _____ in her room. (happy/happily)
8. The _____ man looked around the room. (nervous/nervously)
9. The man _____ looked around the room. (nervous/nervously)

Adverbs and adjectives

Circle the adjective or the adverb to complete each sentence.

Example: My friend is a _____ driver. [careful / carefully]

1. My classmate is a _____ person. [nice / nicely]
2. I can speak Spanish very _____. [good / well]
3. Katrina took a painting class, so she can paint _____ pictures. [beautiful / beautifully]
4. Mr. Smith looked _____ at me when I arrived late. [angry / angrily]
5. Of course, I was _____ when I got an A+ on the exam. [happy / happily]
6. The music is too _____. Please turn it down! [loud / loudly]
7. My friends all tell me that I sing _____. [bad / badly]
8. The thief _____ took the money and walked out the door. [quiet / quietly]
9. The cat waited _____ for the mouse to come out of the hole. [silent / silently]
10. My cousin always walks very _____. [quick / quickly]
11. The work that my boss gave me was _____. [easy / easily]
12. Thomas is very _____. He always helps me. [kind / kindly]
13. The little boy _____ kept the cookie for himself. [selfish / selfishly]
14. The man _____ opened the door and looked inside. [nervous / nervously]
15. The fireman _____ rescued the people from the burning house. [brave / bravely]
16. I _____ offered to help my friend study for his exam. [happy / happily]
17. She is the most _____ person I know. [polite / politely]

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