**Form and Comparison of Adverbs**

Adverbs are used to express how something is done (adjectives express how someone or something is).

Example: The dog sleeps quietly. The dog is absolutely quiet.

## Form

### In general: adjective + -ly

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| adjective | adverb |
| slow | slowly |

#### Exceptions in spelling

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| exception | example |
| silent e is dropped in true, due, whole | true → truly |
| y becomes i | happy → happily |
| le after a consonant is dropped | sensible → sensibly |
| after ll only add y | full → fully |

### Adjectives ending in -ic: adjective + -ally (exception: public-publicly)

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| adjective | adverb |
| fantastic | fantastically |

### Adjectives ending in -ly: use ‘in a … way / manner’ or another adverb with similar meaning

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| adjective | adverb |
| friendly | in a friendly wayin a friendly manner |
| likely | probably |

### Exceptions

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| adjective | adverb (meaning) | adverb (meaning) |
| good | well |   |
| difficult | with difficulty |   |
| public | publicly |   |
| deep | deep (place) | deeply (feeling) |
| direct | direct | directly (=soon) |
| hard | hard | hardly (=seldom) |
| high | high (place) | highly (figurative) |
| late | late | lately (=recently) |
| most | most | mostly (=usually) |
| near | near | nearly (=almost) |
| pretty | pretty (=rather) | prettily |
| short | short | shortly (=soon) |
| The following adjectives are also used as adverbs (without modification): | daily, enough, early, far, fast, hourly, little, long, low, monthly, much, straight, weekly, yearly, … |

Fill in the correct adverb form (comparative or superlative) of the adjectives in brackets.

1. I speak English (fluent)  now than last year.
2. She greeted me (polite)  of all.
3. She smiled (happy)  than before.
4. This girl dances (graceful)  of all.
5. Could you write (clear) ?
6. Planes can fly (high)  than birds.
7. He had an accident last year. Now, he drives (careful)  than before.
8. Jim can run (fast)  than John.
9. Our team played (bad)  of all.
10. He worked (hard)  than ever before.