

ADVERBS

In English we can make adjectives into adverbs by adding **-ly**. This is the general rule. Sometimes we must do some changes in the adjectives before adding **-ly**. This case follows the general rule, too. But there are also some adjectives which do not need to add **-ly** to change into adverbs, so they don't follow the general rule. And there are also some cases where you can use other words like nouns or verbs, for instance, to change them into adverbs by adding **-ly**.

Now try to make adverbs from these adjectives in the lists below.

1. Write the adverb.

stupid		quick		dear		beautiful
incredible	busy		ready		wise	
careful		calm		rough		proper
bad		rich		soft		good
variable		fast		poor		pretty

2. Write the adverb.

wrong		fast		real		poor
probable		cold		loud		nice
wonderful		sincere		great		comfortable

3. Write the adverb.

bold		large		simple		complete
possible		brave		proud		wide
honest		dim		high		incontrollable
rude		hard		kind		gracious

4. Write the adverb.

short		warm		fluent		strange
angry		open		*day		recent
*year		gentle		attractive		frequent
peaceful		fond		insistent		late
slow		dangerous		public		hopeful
strange		quick		courageous		amazing
polite		elegant		close		deliberate

5. Write the adverb.

former		feeble		cold		comical
intelligent	noisy		ready		*friend	
careful		early		*month		probable
*love		rich		soft		*week
terrible		gentle		sensible		pretty

Why are there some words written in bold?

Because they are adverbs, they don't follow the general rule.

Why is there an asterisk next to some words?

Because they aren't, they're

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It's a **weekly** paper. I buy it **weekly**. I got an **early** flight. I went home **early**.

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Have you heard from John **lately**?

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He was very **lonely**. (BUT NOT ~~He walked lonely through the streets~~)

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