

Adjectives and Adverbs

Quickly and seriously are adverbs. Many adverbs are formed from an adjective +ly. Not all words ending in -ly are adverbs. Some adjectives end in -ly, too, for example: friendly, lively, elderly, lonely, silly, lovely.

Peter's car got broken down because of the dirt road.

Adjectives tell us about a noun. We use adjectives before nouns. Adverbs tell us about a verb (how somebody does something or how something happens).

The new house was purchased at a reasonably convenient price.

We also use adverbs before adjectives and other adverbs. You can also use an adverb before a past participle (injured/organized/written, etc.).

The event was well organized. The turnout was more than what the event organizers expected.

Exercises

I tried on the dress shoes and they do not fit me _____. They were on clearance. (good / well)

Leo fell and injured his chin _____. (bad / badly)

The weather changed _____ and it started raining. (sudden / suddenly)