Adjectives and Adverbs

**Adjective:** Modifies nouns and pronouns. An adjective answers the question “What kind?” “Which?” or “How many?”

- It is a hot day. (The adjective, “hot,” describes what kind of a day it is.)
- She is a happy student. (The adjective, “happy,” describes what kind of a student she is.)
- There are fifteen students in the classroom. (The adjective, “fifteen,” describes how many students there are.)
- She is going to take an English exam. (The adjective, “English,” describes the type of exam she is going to take)

**Adverb:** Modifies verbs, adjectives, and other adverbs. Many of them are formed by adding “–ly” to an adjective, although that is not always the case. An adverb answers the question “how?”

- She danced beautifully. (The adverb describes how she danced.)
- The girl walks carefully. (The adverb describes how she walks.)
- John studies intensely for his exam. (The adverb describes how John studies.)
- Because James Dean drove fast, he crashed the car (The adverb describes how James drove.)

**Recognizing Adverbs and Adjectives**

- Many words have both an adjective and adverb form.

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**Don’t Use Adjectives where Adverbs are needed**

- X Come quick.
- √ Come quickly.
- X He did good.
- √ He did well. OR He did a good job. (The noun “job” following the adjective “good” is necessary.)
- X I will dress casual.
- √ I will dress casually. (The adverb is describing how I will dress.)