**Form**

**In general: adjective + *-ly***

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| adjective | adverb |
| slow | slowly |

**Exceptions in spelling**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 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)**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| adjective | adverb |
| fantastic | fantastically |

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

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| adjective | adverb |
| friendly | in a friendly way in a friendly manner |
| likely | probably |

**Exceptions**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 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, … | |

[Exercise on the form of adverbs](http://www.ego4u.com/en/cram-up/grammar/adjectives-adverbs/adverbs/exercises)

**Comparison**

**Comparison (*-er*/*-est*)**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Comparative ending in *-er* | Superlative ending in *-est* |
| one-syllable adverbs (hard) | harder | hardest |
| adverbs with the same form as adjectives (early) | earlier | earliest |

**Comparison (*more* / *most*)**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Comparative formed with *more* | Superlative formed with *most* |
| adverbs ending in *-ly* (happily) | more happily | most happily |

**Irregular comparisons**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| positive form | comparative | superlative |
| well | better | best |
| badly | worse | worst |
| ill | worse | worst |
| little | less | least |
| much | more | most |
| far (place + time) | further | furthest |
| far (place) | farther | farthest |
| late (time) | later | latest |

[Exercise on comparison of adverbs](http://www.ego4u.com/en/cram-up/grammar/adjectives-adverbs/adverbs/exercises?02)