

Adverbs and comparative adverbs

Adverbs

quick	<input type="checkbox"/>	quick	ly	good	<input type="checkbox"/>
polite	<input type="checkbox"/>	polite	ly	bad	<input type="checkbox"/>
careful	<input type="checkbox"/>	careful	ly	easy	<input type="checkbox"/>
tidy	<input type="checkbox"/>	tid	ily	fast	<input type="checkbox"/>

better
worse
easily
faster

Regular comparative adverbs

- Mr Bradford speaks **more clearly than** Mr James.
- My little brother plays **more quietly than** his cousin.
- You should listen to your teacher **more carefully than** that.



Irregular comparative adverbs

- I know that film **well** – I've seen it three times!
- He plays football **better** than me.
- The sitcom was **worse than** I expected.
- The cinema is **further than** I thought from the station.
- She finished the race **faster than** me.



Language in action

Ana: Come on! Can't you walk **more quickly than** that? We're going to miss the film.

Ellie: Sorry, you always walk **faster than** me. Can you walk **more slowly**, please?

Ana: Well, I want to get **better** seats **than** we did last time. The film starts at 6 pm, but if we get there **earlier** we'll get the best seats.

1 How many irregular adverbs can you find? *three*

2 Who is walking quickly? *Ana*

3 What sort of seats do you think they got last time? *not very good*

GET IT RIGHT!

 ~~Friday is the better day of the week.~~

Friday is **the best** day of the week.

 ~~Could you talk more quietlier?~~

Could you talk **more quietly**?

 ~~She works more hardly than me in class.~~

She works **harder than** me in class.

Can you remember the rules?

- To form the comparative of most regular adverbs, add the word **more** before the adverb.
- If an adverb has one syllable, make the comparative by adding **-er**

soon □ soon**er** hard □ hard**er** fast □ fast**er**

- With longer adverbs, we use **more** (+ adverb) + **than**.

She does things **more easily than** me.

Can you remember the rules?

- Some adverbs are irregular – they don't have an *-ly* ending

good □ **well** fast □ **fast** hard □ **hard**

early □ **early** late □ **late**

- To compare adverbs, we use the same rules as we do when we compare adjectives. With short adverbs, we add *-er* or *-r*, and *than* after the adverb.

I worked **hard**, but Sue worked harder**er than** me!

- To compare the adverbs *well* and *far*, we use *better than* and *further than*.

He cooks **better than** me.

London to Mumbai is **further than** London to New York.

Speaking

Complete the boxes below with names of famous people (or people you know), verbs and adverbs.

6 people

1 Taylor Swift

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

6 verbs

1 cut

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

6 adverbs

1 quickly

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

6 different people

1 Usain Bolt

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

Taylor Swift cuts carrots more quickly than Usain Bolt.

Speaking

- 1 His English is worse than mine. ✓
- 2 My dad didn't study **hard** at school.
- 3 I had the best party for my 15th birthday. ✓
- 4 Gran drives more **carefully** than Granddad.
- 5 Alice sings ~~more~~ better than Elsie.

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