

# Adverbs and comparative adverbs



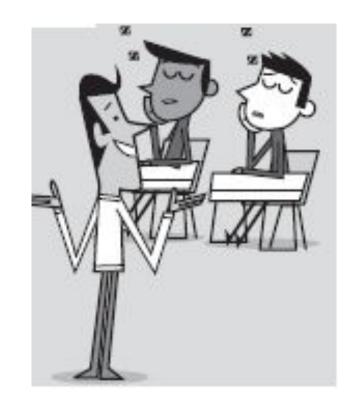
#### **Adverbs**

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quick | quick | ly good | better polite | polite | ly bad | worse careful | careful | ly easy | easily tidy | tid | ily | fast | faster
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### 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.

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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 □ sooner hard □ harder fast □ faster
- With longer adverbs, we use *more* (+ adverb) + *than*.
  - She does things more easily than me.



#### Can you remember the rules?

| <ul> <li>Some adverbs are</li> </ul> | : irregular – t | they don't | have an -I | y ending |
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| good 🗆 well | fast 🗆 fast | hard 🗆 hard |
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|             |             |             |

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 than me!

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

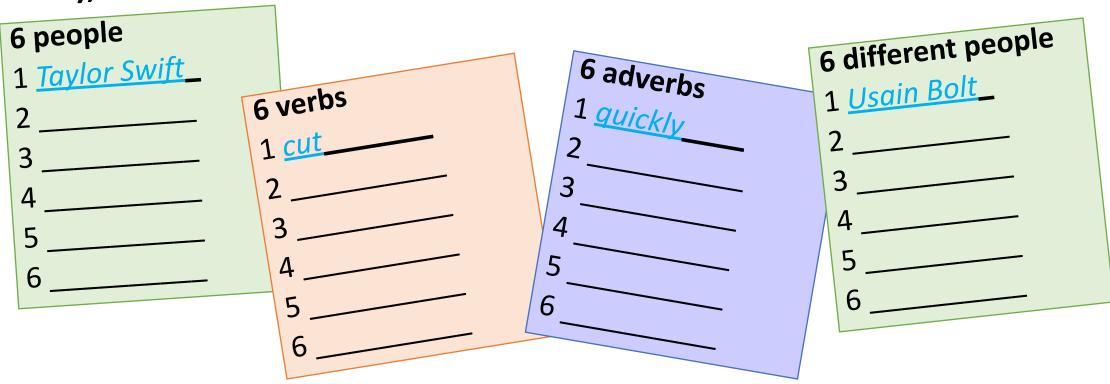
He cooks better than me.

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.



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 15<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- 4 Gran drives more carefully than Granddad.
- 5 Alice sings more better than Elsie.

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