

Adjectives

An adjective is a word that limits the meaning of a noun or pronoun. Adjectives have only one form, which is used with singular and plural nouns. With the exception of 'this'/'these', 'that'/'those', adjectives have no singular or plural form.

Common endings for adjectives

Adjective + er/est **taller; tallest**

More/most + adjective **more studious**

Adjectives can take the following suffixes:

-al -ial -ical -ant -ate -en
-ese -ful -ian -ic -ing -y
-ed -er -able -ile -ish -i've
-ative -itive -less -like -ly -ous
-eous -ious

Word order for adjectives:

Determiner + adjective + noun **the big house**

Linking verb + adjective **is true**

Adverb + adjective **very tall**

Subject + linking verb + adjective **She is intelligent.**

Linking verbs: appear, be, become, feel, look, prove, seem, smell, and taste

Subject + linking verb + adverb + adjective **She is very intelligent.**

"Ly" words which are both adjectives and adverbs:

costly
likely
daily
quarterly
northerly
early
lively
hourly
weekly
easterly
friendly
lonely
monthly

yearly
southerly
kindly
manly
nightly
lovely
westerly

*I pay my taxes **quarterly**.* (adverb)

*I pay **quarterly** taxes.* (adjective)

Adverbs

An adverb is a word that modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. Adverbs may indicate manner (*hurriedly*), place/direction (*outside*), time (*quickly*), and frequency (*seldom*).

Common endings for adverbs:

Adjective+ ly **relatively**

Other possible suffixes: -ward and -wise

Word order for adverbs:

Adverb + adjective **extremely hot**

Adverb + verb or verb phrase **slowly ambled**

Auxiliary verb + adverb + main verb *is **anxiously** studying*

Adverb + adverb **quite fast**

Subject + regular verb + adverb *She acts **intelligently**.*

Subject + linking verb + adverb + adjective *She is **very** intelligent.*

Adverbs can be used in many positions in the sentence:

Frequently, I eat out.

I **frequently** eat out.

I eat out **frequently**.

Words which are both adjectives and adverbs:

deep
hard
late
low
early
high
leisurely
much
far
kindly
little
near
fast

*He runs **fast**.* (adverb)

He is a ***fast** runner.* (adjective)