

Adjective or Adverb?

Teacher's Notes

Description: When it comes to spicing up our descriptions of things in English, Adjectives and Adverbs play a starring role. Unfortunately (but quite understandably) these two vital parts of speech are easily confused by many learners. The activities in this resource help students to understand when and how they are used, allowing them to test their logic in several different ways, both alone and with a partner.

Aim: To practise using Adjectives and Adverbs through an array of written and communicative exercises.

Procedure: Give each student a copy of the two-page activity sheet.

Exercise A: Students begin by putting the Adjectives and Adverbs in the correct category.

answer key:

Adjectives	Adverbs	Both
clear, quick, nervous, cold, good, angry	badly, loudly, patiently, happily, slowly	hard, late, well, fast, early

Exercise B: Next, students complete the sentences by circling the correct words.

answer key:

- well, good
- bad, salty
- brilliant, beautifully
- cold, warmly
- extremely, bad
- strict, late
- happily, beautiful

Exercise C: Students then complete the sentences using the words in brackets, either leaving them as Adjectives, or transforming them into an Adverbs.

answer key:

- tired, hard
- uncomfortable, badly
- strong, slowly
- carefully, icy
- excited, loudly

Exercise D: After this, students match the sentence halves on the left with suitable endings, then complete the sentences choosing the correct words, either leaving them as Adjectives, or transforming them into Adverbs.

answer key:

- j, terrible
- d, well
- a, dangerously
- b, neatly
- e, heavily
- g, busy
- f, loudly
- i, easily
- h, warmly
- c, fast

Exercise E: Lastly, students work in pairs to complete the prompts using the words in brackets, either leaving them as Adjectives, or transforming them into Adverbs. They then chat with their partner and try to come up with two words (nouns) for each prompt and write them in the space provided. To add an element of excitement, this exercise can also be done as a race between pairs.

answer key:

- terrible
- slowly
- annually
- dangerous
- quietly
- bad
- noisily
- useless
- beautiful
- well