

## Adjective or Adverb – Differences and Rules

### Adjectives - Adjectives Modify Nouns

- Adjectives are placed directly before a noun:

#### Examples:

Tom is an **excellent** singer.



I bought a **comfortable** chair.

She's thinking about buying a **new** house.

- Adjectives are also used in simple sentences with the verb 'to be'. In this case, the adjective describes the subject of the sentence:

#### Examples:

Jack is **happy**.



Peter was very **tired**.

Mary'll be **excited** when you tell her.

- Adjectives are used with sense verbs or verbs of appearance (*feel, taste, smell, sound, appear* and *seem*) to describe the noun which comes before the verb:

#### Examples:

The fish tasted **awful**.



Did you see Peter? He **seemed** very **upset**.

I'm afraid the meat smelled **rotten**.

#### **IMPORTANT: When using multiple adjectives, you must use a certain order:**

opinion → size/dimension → condition → age → color → material → nationality/origin

- A wonderful old Italian clock. (opinion - age - origin)
- A big brand-new blue box. (dimension - condition - color)
- A disgusting pink plastic ornament. (opinion - color - material)
- The slim new French trousers. (dimension - age - origin)

## Adverbs - Adverbs Modify Verbs, Adjectives and Other Adverbs

- Adverbs are easily recognized because the end in '-ly' (with a few exceptions!):

### **Examples:**

*Adjective -> careful*            *Adverb -> carefully*

*Adjective -> quick*            *Adverb -> quickly*

- Adverbs are often used at the end of a sentence to modify the verb:

### **Examples:**

*Jack drove **carelessly**.*



*Tom played the match **effortlessly**.*

*Jason complained about his classes **constantly**.*

- Adverbs are used to modify **adjectives**:

### **Examples:**

*They seemed **extremely** satisfied.*



*She paid **increasingly** high prices.*

*I was **suddenly** surprised by Alice.*

- Adverbs are also used to modify **other adverbs**:

### **Examples:**

*The people in the line moved **incredibly** quickly.*



*She wrote the report **unusually** neatly.*

## **Practice**

### **1. Put these adjectives in the correct order**

- book – interesting – small – Spanish:
- picture – modern – ugly – rectangular:
- opinion – old – boring – American:
- apple – ripe – green – delicious:

### **2. Underline the adjective, adverbs, and correct these sentences, if necessary. Draw arrows to show what word they describe.**

The man ran quick to the store.

The French tall man wore a hugely hat.

The snake is tiny, but it can bite quickly.

Gregor is not scared of snakes, but he dislikes them immensely.

Do you see the young foolishly young man who is trying to feed the dangerously snake? He lives very dangerous!