Adverbs

You often use *adjectives* – *adjectives* add to the description <u>of an object (or person)</u>. For example:

Rudolf has a <u>red</u> nose. "*Red*" is an adjective – it describes a nose.

Or:

Eunice is <u>happy</u>. "*Happy*" is an adjective – it describes a person.

Where is the <u>chemist's</u> shop? "*Chemist's*" is an adjective. It describes a shop.

It's very <u>hot</u> today. "*Hot*" is an adjective describing the weather ("it"). Or we could say "Today is very <u>hot</u>". Now "*hot*" is an adjective describing today.

We use adjectives all the time – usually without noticing!

An *adverb* is a word that adds to the description <u>of an action</u>. They are not so common as adjectives, but you will certainly hear some. For example:

Franko <u>suddenly</u> jumped out of his chair. "*Suddenly*" is an adverb … it describes the jumping!

If you hang the clothes on the washing line, they will get dry <u>quickly</u>. "*Quickly*" is an adverb that describes the drying process.

He <u>always</u> concentrates on his homework. "*Always*" is an adverb that described how the person is concentrating.

I think this conversation will end <u>badly</u>. "*Badly*" is an adverb that describes the way the conversation will end.

Most adverbs end "…ly" and are made from nouns or adjectives. For example:

Accident → Accidentally

Always

Angry → Angrily

Bad → Badly

Beautiful → Beautifully

Busy → Busily

Bright → Brightly

Calm → Calmly

Close → Closely

Day → Daily

Easy → Easily

Exact → Exactly

Fast → Fast (adjective and adverb are the same!)

Gentle → Gently

Great → Greatly

Immediate → Immediately

Lazy → Lazily

Less

Loud → Loudly

More

Natural → Naturally

Never

Often

Polite → Politely

Poor → Poorly

Quick → Quickly

Real → Really

Sad → Sadly

Safe → Safely

Seldom

Slow → Slowly

Sometimes

Soon

Sudden → Suddenly

Thankful → Thankfully

Thoughtful → Thoughtfully

Unfortunate → Unfortunately

Urgent → Urgently

Well

Notice that there are a few adverbs that aren't derived from nouns or adjectives