

Formation of Adverbs

What are adverbs?

They are words that answer to the question – How?

- **Look at this old car**

“This is a slow car.”



*“How does it go?” It goes slow**ly**.*

We form regular adverbs by adding –ly to the adjective

e.g. quick – quickly, beautiful – beautifully, gentle – gently

- **Irregular Adverbs:**

Some adverbs are formed in a different way or have the same form as the adjective

(These are: hard, fast, high, low, deep, early, late, long, near, straight, right, wrong)

e.g. This is a fast car. (adjective)

George drives fast. (adverb)

| <u>Adjective - Adverb</u> | |
|---------------------------|---------|
| good | - well |
| fast | - fast |
| hard | - hard |
| early | - early |
| late | - late |

- **Spelling Rules:**

terrible – terrib**ly**

careful – careful**ly**

noisy – nois**ily**

basic - basic**ally**

Comparison of Adverbs

- Adverbs that end in **–ly** form the comparative with **more** and the superlative with **most**. The other **adverbs (fast, hard, late,)** form the comparative and superlative with **–er** and **–est**.
- Exceptions:**
 - early - earlier - earliest
 - well - better - best
 - badly - worse - worst
- Complete the table with comparison of adverbs

| <u>Positive</u> | <u>Comparative</u> | <u>Superlative</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| fast | | |
| quietly | | |
| | more slowly | |
| early | | |
| | | worst |
| | | most beautifully |
| correctly | | |
| well | | |
| politely | | |

Extra practice: Go to Blog 6th class - Unit 3 – Play the darts game