

## ADVERBS

### Formation of Adverbs from adjectives.

#### i) Adverbs formed by adding 'ly' to an adjective

adjective	adverb		adjective	adverb
exact	exactly		awkward	
brief			faithful	
sorrowful			regular	
careless			popular	
willing			recent	
hopeful			sound	
sweet			slow	
loud			violent	
current			soft	
beautiful			sudden	
peaceful			stubborn	
quick			quiet	
merciful			grateful	
smart			bright	
silent			loving	

#### ii) Adjectives ending in 'y' change y to 'i' and then add 'ly' to form adverbs.

adjective	adverb		adjective	adverb
easy	easily		happy	
heavy			shabby	
lazy			noisy	
lucky			clumsy	
merry			necessary	

#### iii) Some verbs change to past tense when forming adjectives and then add 'ly' to form adverbs.

verb	adjective	adverb
worry	worried	worriedly
hurry		

delight		
repeat	repeated	repeatedly

iv) **Adjectives which end in 'le' drop 'e' and add 'y' to form adverbs**

adjective	adverb		adjective	adverb
capable	capably		simple	
possible			humble	humbly
able			achievable	
gentle			desirable	
terrible			comfortable	

v) **Adjectives which end in 'e' add 'ly' to form adjectives.**

adjective	adverb		adjective	adverb
free	freely		excessive	
rare			active	
immediate			brave	
fortunate			wide	
complete			polite	politely
wise	wisely		fine	
late			nice	
safe			rude	

vi) **There are some adjectives which are at the same time adverbs. These include**

fast	much
hard	last
early	next
well	little
lovely	deep
low	far
near	

vii) Most adjectives ending in 'al' and 'el' double the last 'l' and add 'y' to form adverbs

adjective	adverb		adjective	adverb
practical	practically		equal	
brutal			cruel	cruelly
personal			mental	
loyal			social	
accident			emotional	
parental			annual	
occasional			real	
fatal			official	

Complete the above tables.

### Activity

Use the correct form of the words given in brackets to complete the sentences.

1. The surname was written very \_\_\_\_\_ on the letter. (good)
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ replied to my letter when she received it.  
(humble)
3. The referee \_\_\_\_\_ gave the information about the applicant.  
(truthful)
4. Dotimbo \_\_\_\_\_ wrote the application letter. (hurry)
5. The letters were sent very \_\_\_\_\_. (early)
6. The woman writes letters to the head teacher \_\_\_\_\_. (regular)
7. The professor \_\_\_\_\_ found his lost envelope. (lucky)
8. The application letter was not edited \_\_\_\_\_ (proper)
9. Musana's handwriting is \_\_\_\_\_ illegible. (complete)
10. The sick boy \_\_\_\_\_ wrote a formal letter. (able)
11. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ looked at the disorganized work  
which I had written. (worry)
12. The old woman \_\_\_\_\_ read my poor handwriting. (easy)
13. Kiku \_\_\_\_\_ tore the envelope and removed the letter.  
(gentle)

14. Bobi Wine is a \_\_\_\_\_ known singer in Uganda.  
(popular)

15. Isingoma play football very \_\_\_\_\_. (skill)