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Adverbs of manner



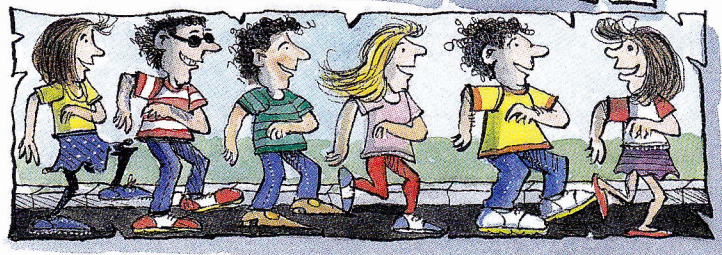
Things to do when you're bored or fed up

Go to a busy street. Imagine you're an elephant. Run down the pavement **as fast as you can**.

Say 'Tee, Rinkle, Crinkle, Pinkle, Tee' **as loudly as possible** without moving your lips. Don't worry – it doesn't mean anything.

Find a friend. Pretend you're two tigers with toothache. Try to do it really **well**. See if you can do it **better than** your friend. *and if none of these things cheers you up ...*

Walk like a penguin all the way to school.

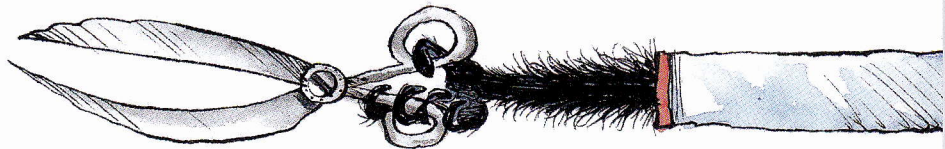


1 Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

- How should you say 'Tee, Rinkle, Crinkle, Pinkle, Tee'?
Loudly Quietly
- Do you think anybody would notice an elephant running down the street?
Yes No



GRAMMAR



REMEMBER! ⚠

Adverbs of manner tell you more about verbs.

Making an adverb is easy: adjective + **ly**.

bad → *badly* quick → *quickly*

If the adjective ends in **y**, change **y** to **i** and add **ly**.

noisy → *noisily* easy → *easily*

Be careful! You should know these. If you don't, learn them now.

good → *well* fast → *fast* hard → *hard*

2 Turn these adjectives into adverbs.

- ▶ beautiful *beautifully*
- 1 slow
- 2 happy
- 3 good
- 4 easy

REMEMBER! 2

Be careful! Use an adjective, NOT an adverb, after these verbs:

be, look, feel, smell, taste

I'm happy. That smells good!
You look silly. Chocolate tastes nice.
I sometimes feel sad.

3 Complete the sentences. Choose an adjective of your own.

- ▶ I feel *happy*.....
- 1 She looks
- 2 Coffee tastes
- 3 We're
- 4 This cheese smells

A

You can make the comparative and superlative of most adverbs like this:

add **more** and **the most**

Adverb	Comparative	Superlative
quickly	→ <i>more quickly</i>	→ <i>the most quickly</i>
slowly	→ <i>more slowly</i>	→ <i>the most slowly</i>
easily	→ <i>more easily</i>	→ <i>the most easily</i>

4 Make the comparative and superlative of these adverbs.

- ▶ fluently *more fluently*.....
the most fluently.....
- 1 loudly
- 2 noisily
- 3 correctly
- 4 beautifully

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Be careful! These adverbs are different. It's a good idea to learn them.

Adverb	Comparative	Superlative
early	→ <i>earlier</i>	→ <i>the earliest</i>
late	→ <i>later</i>	→ <i>the latest</i>
hard	→ <i>harder</i>	→ <i>the hardest</i>
fast	→ <i>faster</i>	→ <i>the fastest</i>
well	→ <i>better</i>	→ <i>the best</i>
badly	→ <i>worse</i>	→ <i>the worst</i>
little	→ <i>less</i>	→ <i>the least</i>
much	→ <i>more</i>	→ <i>the most</i>

He goes to bed later than me.
I sing worse than he does.
Anything you can do, I can do better!
Of all my friends, I eat the least.

5 Fill in the gaps with a comparative or superlative.

- ▶ I think I'm the one who works *the hardest*..... (hard)
- 1 I like Maths than I like French. (little)
- 2 You don't swim than I do! (fast)
- 3 She's always the pupil who arrives at school. (late)
- 4 You sing of any of us! (badly)

C

Sometimes you want to say that there isn't a difference between the people, animals and things that you're talking about. They're the same. You can use **as ... as** to do this. Look:

*He runs **as fast as** me.* = We both run equally fast.

*You get up **as early as** I do.* = We both get up at the same time.

You can also use **not as ... as** to say that there is a difference. Look:

*She **doesn't** cook **as well as** I do.* = I cook better than she does.

*I **can't** do Maths **as quickly as** he can.* = He's quicker at Maths than me.

6 Rewrite the sentences. Use as ... as.

- ▶ I write *as well as* you do. (well)
- 1 You don't work she does. (hard)
- 2 He doesn't talk me. (fast)
- 3 We sometimes walk tortoises. (slowly)
- 4 He eats a puppy! (messily)



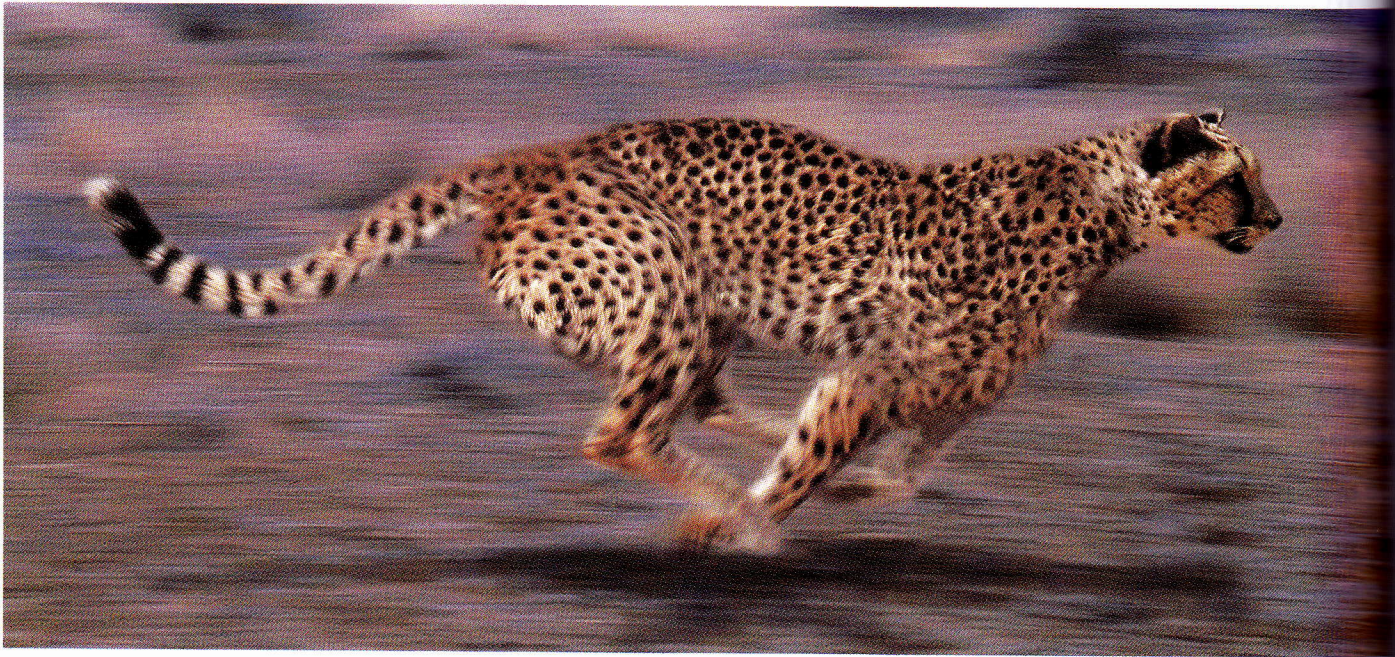
PRACTICE

7 Write the comparatives and superlatives of these adverbs.

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| ▶ quickly | <i>more quickly</i> | <i>the most quickly</i> |
| 1 hard | | |
| 2 beautifully | | |
| 3 neatly | | |
| 4 badly | | |
| 5 fast | ..... | ..... |
| 6 little | ..... | ..... |
| 7 noisily | ..... | ..... |
| 8 stupidly | ..... | ..... |
| 9 late | ..... | ..... |
| 10 greedily | ..... | ..... |
| 11 well | ..... | ..... |
| 12 brilliantly | ..... | ..... |
| 13 much | ..... | ..... |
| 14 early | ..... | ..... |
| 15 tidily | ..... | ..... |

8 Choose a comparative or superlative. Think very carefully!

- ▶ A baby eats *more messily* than a grown-up. (messily)
- 1 Of all the insects there are, bees work (hard)
- 2 Which of your friends tells stories than you? (well)
- 3 Do you get up than I do? (early)
- 4 Cats eat than dogs. (little)
- 5 Of all the animals, the cheetah runs (fast)
- 6 In your class, who speaks English ? (correctly)
- 7 Do snails move than worms? (slowly)
- 8 Who goes to bed in your family? (late)
- 9 He thinks he can sing than me. He's wrong! (well)
- 10 Why do some people laugh than others? (loudly)



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a Are you still in a bad mood? Fill in the gaps to find new ways of cheering up. Make an adverb from the adjectives.

- ▶ Eat a chocolate and banana sandwich as *messily* as a baby. (messy)
- 1 Look in a mirror and laugh as as you can. (loud)
- 2 Ask a friend to eat a lettuce leaf as as a tortoise. (slow)
- 3 Dance as as a hippopotamus does. (good)
- 4 Go into the garden. Pretend you're a car. Drive as as possible. (bad)
- 5 Try talking to a friend as as a Martian. (fluent)

b What would you like to be able to do that you can't do now? Write five things. Use an adverb and **as ... as**.

I'd like to be able to ...

- ▶ fly *as fast as a rocket*.
- do my homework *as quickly as possible*.
- climb a tree *as easily as an orang-utan*.

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10 Work with a partner. How many sentences can you make? Write your ideas on a piece of paper. Remember to use an adjective, not an adverb.

I feel ...

I look as ...

I'm as ...

- ▶ I feel *as happy as a clown*.
- I look *as handsome as a film star*.
- I'm *as tall as the Leaning Tower of Pisa*.

11 Ask your teacher if you can play a class game. Say a sentence. You can use a comparative adverb, or an adverb and **as ... as**. Use the verbs below if you need help.

run climb swim eat sing talk
write dance walk jump read
work get up whisper

- ▶ Pupil A *I can run as fast as a train.*
- Pupil B *I write better than Shakespeare did.*
- Pupil C *I sing as beautifully as an opera singer.*
- Pupil D *I swim faster than a dolphin.*

