

# **Comparative and superlative adverbs**



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Quick car

I read quickly

Good girl

He rides a bike well

Easy homework

I do homework easily

Fast bus

He runs fast

Beautiful house

I skateboard carefully

She draws beautifully

Simple adverbs: well, badly, hard

Comparative adverbs: more carefully , better, more efficiently

Superlative adverbs: the most easily

*In international tests of math , science and reading, students in Finland do **well**.*

*When you look **more carefully** at the schools, it's not easy to explain .*

So, why do they do **badly** in tests?

Do students learn **better** when the school day is shorter?

When there is no exam , do students study  
**hard?**

*So, how do some experts believe  
we learn **the most easily**?*

*Do students learn **more efficiently** when they study subjects or when they study a topic?*

# Complete the table.

1 badly 2 good 3 well 4 better 5 careful 6 carefully  
7 more carefully 8 efficiently 9 more efficiently  
10 the most efficiently 11 easier 12 more easily  
13 most easily 14 hard 15 harder 16 the hardest

Adjective	Simple adverb	Comparative adverb	Superlative adverb
<i>bad</i>	1 <b>badly</b>	<i>worse</i>	<i>the worst</i>
2 <b>good</b>	3 well	4 better	<i>the best</i>
5 careful	6 <b>carefully</b>	7 more carefully	<i>the most carefully</i>
8 <b>efficient</b>	<i>efficiently</i>	9 more efficiently	10 the most efficiently
<i>easy</i>	11 easier	12 more easily	13 The most easily
14 hard	15 hard	<i>harder</i>	16 the hardest

## 4 Write the correct form of the adverb for the adjective in brackets.

- 1 Laura often makes mistakes because she always does her homework very quickly (quick).
- 2 Hans speaks the fastest (fast) in our class.
- 3 You speak English much better (good) than me.
- 4 Please can you speak more slowly (slow)? I didn't understand you before.
- 5 None of us did well in the exam, but I did the worst (bad)!
- 6 I think I work harder (hard) in English lessons than I do in science.

- 1 *quickly*
- 2 *the fastest*
- 3 *better*
- 4 *more slowly*
- 5 *the worst*
- 6 *harder*

- 1 You spea k English really well.
- 2 I made friends much more easily at my new school.
- 3 Drama classes helped me spea k more clearly and better.
- 4 Catch this bus and you can get home more quickly.
- 5 My brother likes the music class the best.

## 5 Correct the mistakes in the sentences.



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