

Good vs Well

Adjectives are words which give more information to nouns.

Eg. "My job is very stressful. My boss is always angry."

"Stressful" is an adjective which gives more information to the noun "job", and "angry" is an adjective which gives more information to the noun "boss."

Adverbs are words which give information to *verbs*. They often end with "ly."

Eg. "He eats very loudly and he talks rudely to everyone"

"Loudly" gives more information to the verb of "eat" and "rudely" gives more information to the verb of "talk."

Note: Adverbs can also give information to adjectives.

Eg. "The answer is completely wrong"

"Wrong" is an adjective which gives information to the noun "answer", and "completely" gives more information to the adjective "wrong."



1. Circle the adjectives and underline the adverbs in the sentences below.

- a) She smiles sadly when she sees her old house.
- b) He cleans the house completely every weekend, but he always leaves a big mess when he cooks.
- c) The old man's eyes suddenly opened, looking angrily at the scared children.
- d) He totally ignores me every time I talk to him, it's so annoying.
- e) You're absolutely correct, this was a huge mistake, and it won't happen again.



2. Complete the sentences below with an adjective or an adverb. More than one answer is possible, but in each gap only an adjective or an adverb is correct.

- a) The Eg. "big" or "cute" black dog ran Eg. "slowly" or "quickly" towards the man
- b) My colleague always invites everyone to her birthday party.
- c) He drives so, I'm surprised he hasn't had an accident yet.
- d) They built a/an house across the street from my house.
- e) He turned to face me, and I saw he had a look in his eyes.
- f) The accountant looked at every document, not missing a single detail.
- g) You should be careful, the streets here can be after dark.
- h) The lion moved towards the zebra.

“Good” is an adjective, it gives information to nouns

Eg. *“It’s a really good movie, you should watch it.”* “Good” gives information to the noun of “movie”.

“Well” is an adverb, it gives information to verbs.

Eg. *“She speaks English very well.”* “Well” gives information to the verb of “speaks”.

“Good” is also often used with verbs such as “taste”, “look” and “sound” to describe how something is.

Eg. *“This tastes really good.”* or *“Those glasses look really good on you.”*

3. Read the 3 paragraphs below and choose between “good” and “well”

a) I have really mixed feelings about this band. The lead singer sings really good / well, the guitarist is quite good / well, but the drummer just isn’t good / well. I don’t understand why they don’t replace him. His style of drumming just doesn’t sound good / well with the others.



b) A really good / well and simple recipe is ginger nut cookies, they taste so good / well! First, melt 90g of butter, 75g of brown sugar, and 115g of golden syrup over a low heat. Put 200g of plain flour, 1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon, and 1 teaspoon of baking powder, and one tablespoon of ground ginger in a bowl and mix good / well. Add the flour mixture to the butter mixture while it is still warm, (it should already smell really good / well), and then roll them into balls and bake them for 12 minutes or until browned.



c) The Lions are a new baseball team. The team is less than two years old, but they play very good / well together. They had a very good / well season last year, and they are looking pretty good / well this season. Their star player, Josh Jones, is a pitcher, and he throws the ball very good / well, but he’s not a good / well batter. Most of the players follow the coach’s instructions very good / well, but the catcher doesn’t have a good / well attitude. He thinks he can do everything by himself.



4. Look at the table of baseball players below and make 5 sentences with “good” or “well.”

Player	Batting average	Throwing Distance	Running Speed	Catches per game
Max Stevens	.250	60meters	7 m/sec	2
Johnny Streep	.080	90 meters	4 m/sec	1
Callum Jones	.400	45 meters	9 m/sec	6
Ronald Ham	.200	70 meters	8 m/sec	5

Eg. *“Johnny Streep doesn’t catch very well.”* or *“Max Stevens is a pretty good batter.”*