

## ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS (2) (good / well, fast / hard / late, hardly)

### a. Good/well

**Good** is an *adjective*.

→Your **English** is **good**.

→Susan is a **good pianist**.

The *adverb* is **well**:

→You **speak** English **well**.

→She **plays** the piano **well**.

We often use **well** with *past participles* (**dressed / known**, etc.)

**well dressed** (*not good dressed*)

**well known**

**well educated**

But **well** is also an *adjective* with the meaning “in good health”:

→“How are you today?” – “I’m very **well**, thanks.” (*not I’m very good.*)

### b. Fast/hard/late These words are both adjectives and adverbs:

*adjective*

Jack is a very **fast runner**.

Ann is a **hard worker**.

The train **was late**.

*adverb*

Jack can **run** very **fast**.

Ann **works hard**. (*not works hardly*)

I **got up late** this morning.

\*The adverb **lately** = recently:

Have you seen Tom **lately**?

### C. Hardly has a completely different meaning from hard:

Hardly = almost not. Review these examples:

→Jim asked Carolina to marry him. She was surprised because they had only known each other for two days. She said, “We can’t get married now! We **hardly** know each other.” (= we know each other very little; we almost don’t know each other.)

→Why was Tim so unfriendly at the party last night? He **hardly** spoke to me. (= he spoke to me very little.)

We often use **hardly** with **can/could**:

→Your writing is terrible. I **can hardly** read it. (= I can read it but only with a lot of difficulty.)

→My leg was hurting me. I **could hardly** walk.

We also use **hardly** with **any/anyone/anything/anywhere**:

→"How much money do you have?" – "**Hardly any.**" (= almost none; very little)

→The exam results were very bad. **Hardly anyone** passed. (= almost no one passed; very few people passed.)

→She ate **hardly anything** because she didn't feel hungry. (= she ate almost nothing; she ate very little.)

Note that you can say:

→She ate **hardly anything**.                    or

→ She **hardly** ate **anything**.

→We have **hardly any** food.                    or

→We **hardly** have **any** food.

→We've done **hardly any** work.                    or

→We've **hardly** done **any** work.

**Hardly ever** = almost never:

→I'm nearly always at home in the evenings. I **hardly ever** go out.