

Adjective or adverb?

Adjectives are words used to modify nouns. They usually go before nouns. Adjectives may also go after be (is, am, are, was, were) and copular verbs like become, seem, look, feel etc.

I feel happy. (NOT I feel happily.)

She seemed excited. (NOT She seemed excitedly.)

They were upset.

Adverbs are words used to modify verbs. They usually express the manner in which something is done. Adverbs are also used to modify adjectives and other adverbs.

An adverb used to modify an adjective or another adverb usually goes before it. Enough is an exception to this rule. It goes after the adjective or adverb it modifies.

Complete the following sentences using the correct words from those given in brackets.

1. Our team played
yesterday.

well

good

2. We have not gathered
enough flowers.

near

nearly

3. The old woman was walking

Adjective or adverb?

..... past.

slow
slowly

4. Come to my office as
..... as possible.

quick
quickly

5. We had a great time at
the party.

real
really

6. Sophia won the first prize
.....

easy
easily

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Answers

1. Our team played well yesterday. (Here the adverb well modifies the verb played.)
2. We have not gathered nearly enough flowers. (Here the adverb nearly modifies the adjective enough.)
3. The old woman was walking slowly past. (Here the adverb slowly modifies the verb walking.)
4. Come to my office as quickly as possible. (Here the adverb quickly modifies the verb come.)
5. We had a really great time at the party. (Here the adverb really modifies the adjective great.)
6. Sophia won the first prize easily. (Here the adverb easily modifies the verb won.)