

Adverbs

“Adverbs” are words used to describe a ‘Verb’ (an action; such as ‘run’, ‘sing’, ‘do’, ‘jump’, ‘make’).

Adverbs normally end in ‘-ly’, (for example; if something is **slow**, it is done **slowly**).

However, some adverbs do not follow this rule, (if something is **good**, it is done **well**).

“He is a brilliant swimmer.”

He swims brilliantly

He swims brilliant.

His swimming is brilliant.

“His English is very good.”

He speaks English very well.

He speaks English very goodly.

He speaks English very good.

“She is a fast runner.”

She runs very fastly.

She runs very fast.

She runs very quickly.

“They are terrible cooks.”

Their cooking is terrible.

They cook terrible.

They cook terribly.

“It is easy to complete.”

It can be completed easy.

It can be completed easily.

“You must be careful when riding your bike.”

You must ride your bike carefully.

You must ride your bike with care.

You must ride your bike careful.

“Together their singing is beautiful.”

They sing together beautifully.

They sing beautiful.

They sing together very beautiful.

There, Their and They're

'There, their and they're' are often confused when writing English, as they sound the same.

There: Indicates a location: *"There he is!"* and *"There are 7.5 million people in Hanoi."*

Their: Indicates that a group owns this: *"Their teeth were clean."* or *"Their hands were full."*

They're: Means 'they are': *"They're going home soon."* or *"They're looking good today."*

Here is an example of a short paragraph which uses the three words correctly.

"The group of cyclists left **their** bicycles over **there**, next to the wall. **There** are five bikes in total, which is unusual because **there** are six cyclists. They said **they're** going to ride from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City; it's a long way to get **there**, so it will take them several days. **Their** bags are packed with tents and sleeping bags, and **they're** leaving soon."

Select the correct sentences:

There was nobody there.

There was nobody their.

They're was nobody there.

Their was nobody their.

There going home.

They're going home.

Their going home.

They're car was broken.

There car was broken.

Their car was broken.

There is a dog outside.

Their dog is outside.

They're keeping their dog outside.

There you are!

Their you are!

They're you are!

There nearly finished.

They're nearly finished.

Their nearly finished.