

Unit 8: ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS

1 Find a mistake in each sentence and correct it.

- 1 Are you interesting in extending the guarantee?
- 2 Peter has been working very hardly recently.
- 3 This magazine article is extremely excellent.
- 4 I thought the meeting went very good.
- 5 The meeting wasn't very useful. It was much little useful than last week's.
- 6 The presentation was enough long, and so the audience got bored.
- 7 Using my PC for a long time makes my eyes feel tiring.
- 8 We give discounts never on these products.
- 9 Golf isn't as good for your health than swimming.
- 10 In my opinion their management team is not enough experienced.
11. You work much harder as I do.
- 12 Your proposal sounds really interestingly.
- 13 The negotiation was such tense we had to call a short break.

2 Rewrite the sentences using the verb in brackets.

- 1 Could you not talk so fast, please? (slowly)
Could you _____
- 2 Retail banking isn't as profitable as investment banking. (more)
Investment banking _____
- 3 She's a very careful worker. (works)
She _____
- 4 I haven't seen worse service than this. (ever)
This is _____
- 5 Do you find opera interesting? (interested)
Are _____
- 6 The meeting had a positive finish. (finished)
The meeting _____
- 7 The Chinese market is bigger than the Indian market. (as)
The Indian market _____
- 8 Alan sells the same number of products as Richard. (just as)
Alan sells _____
- 9 The other members of the team are more experienced than Romy. (least)
Romy _____

3 Fill in the blanks with words from the box. Make any changes to the adjectives necessary to form adverbs.

late patient public punctual quarter safe silent

- 1 When you get there, give me a ring to let me know you've arrived _____.
- 2 The Economic Review is published _____ and comes out in March,

June, September, and December.

- 3 Trains in Japan arrive so _____ that you can set your watch by them.
- 4 The train to the airport arrived _____ and as a result I very nearly missed the plane.
- 5 The new motor is very quiet, and at most speeds it operates almost _____.
- 6 Before privatization, many nationalized industries were _____ subsidized by the government.
- 7 He was not in a hurry, so he waited _____ until the client was ready to see him.

4 Choose a word from box A and one from box B to complete the sentences.

A **surprisingly** **badly** **commercially** **well** **totally** **terribly**

B **qualified** **quickly** **designed** **viable** **good** **illegal**

- 1 She has a PhD and an MBA so she's certainly very _____.
- 2 The results at the end of the year were _____ and certainly much better than we had thought.
- 3 The bank decided that the project was not _____ so they refused to give them a loan.
- 4 Insider dealing is _____ – if they catch you, you could go to prison.
- 5 The engine on the XR86 was very _____ and the car soon gained a reputation for unreliability.
- 6 He spoke _____, so I couldn't really understand what he was saying.

5 Choose either an adjective or an adverb from the words in italics.

- 1 Their new offices in the city look very *impressive/impressively*.
- 2 It's a pity that airline food never tastes as *good/well* as it looks.
- 3 He reacted *calm/calmly* when I told him the bad news.
- 4 The new perfume from Dior smells very *expensive/expensively*.
- 5 We stopped ordering from them, because a lot of their products were *bad/badly* designed.
- 6 They've changed the clocks, so now it gets *dark/darkly* at about 3.00 in the afternoon.
- 7 Waiter, could you bring us some more milk – this tastes *sour/sourly*.
- 8 Your new secretary seems very *competent/competently*.
- 9 Most policy decisions are taken at head office, but day-to-day decisions are taken *local/locally*.
- 10 When I spoke to Jeremy, he didn't sound *confident/confidently* about meeting this year's targets.