**Adverbs**

An adverb describes a verb e.g. quickly, furiously, constantly etc.

In English, adverbs tend to end in ‘ly’. In French, adverbs tend to end in ‘ment’.

To form an adverb, you must use the corresponding adjective:

1. Make the adjective feminine and add ‘MENT’

BUT

1. If the adjective ends in a vowel, just add ‘MENT’
2. If the adjective ends in ‘ANT’ and ‘ENT’, change to ‘AMMENT’ and ‘EMMENT’

\*However, the following adverbs are irregular:

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| **adjective** | **adverb** |
| Fou | Follement (madly) |
| Mou | Mollement (softly) |
| Nouveau | Nouvellement (newly) |
| Lent | Lentement (slowly) |
| Bon | Bien (well) |
| Gentil | Gentillement (kindly) |
| Mauvais | Mal (badly) |
| Meilleur | Mieux (better) |
| Pire | Pis (worse) |
| Rapide | Rapidement/ vite (quickly) |

\*Just like in English, many adverbs in French don’t end in ‘ly’ and just have to be learnt off, they describe how often you do some-thing:

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| **English** | **French** |
| Elsewhere | Ailleurs |
| Formerly (in times past) | Autrefois |
| Soon | Bientôt |
| Already | déjà |
| Usually | D’habitude |
| Again | Encore |
| Never (ever) | Jamais |
| Sometimes | Parfois |
| Often | Souvent |
| Always (still) | toujours |

**LES EXERCISES**

1. **Remplissez la grille:**

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| Adjective in masculine form | Adjective in feminine form | Adverb |
| heureux |  |  |
| facile |  |  |
| malheureux |  |  |
| rapide |  |  |
| assertif |  |  |
| sûr |  |  |
| général |  |  |
| créatif |  |  |
| timide |  |  |
| premier |  |  |

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| Adjective in masculine form | Adverb |
| actif |  |
| dangereux |  |
| absolu |  |
| évident |  |
| constant |  |
| poli |  |
| mauvais |  |
| agressif |  |
| vrai |  |
| patient |  |

1. **Traduisez en français:**
2. I will politely ask
3. She was obviously nervous
4. He really wanted
5. They-girls walk quickly
6. It will be better tomorrow
7. She always talks to her mother before going to bed
8. I already know (savoir) the name of my teacher
9. Whilst watching (en regardant) the tv, I sometimes eat sweets
10. I screamed loudly, when my friend came into my bedroom
11. The supporters cheered madly
12. Slowly but surely, he did his homework
13. Are you behaving badly during the lunch break?
14. Lauras new car contstantly breaks down (tomber en panne)
15. I am starting to play football but I always arrive late to the matches.