

## Adverbs (Les Adverbes)

He ran **quickly**  
He spoke **carefully**  
He read **well**

I write **neatly**  
We sing **terribly**  
They play **unfairly**

The highlighted words are adverbs. They add something to the meaning of a verb.

In English many adverbs end in **-ly**. In French many adverbs end in **-ment**.

**RULE - You form adverb by adding -ment to the feminine form of an adjective.**

Grand	>>	grande	>>	grandement	=	grandly/big
Franc	>>	franche	>>	franchement	=	frankly
Lent	>>	lente	>>	lentement	=	slowly
Sérieux	>>	sérieuse	>>	sérieusement	=	seriously
Actif	>>	active	>>	activement	=	actively
Continuel	>>	continue	>>	continuellement	=	continuously

**The words that end with a vowel (a,e,i,o,u,h) will not be made feminine. Such words will directly take -ment**

Joli	>>	joli	>>	joliment	=	nicely
Vrai	>>	vrai	>>	vraiment	=	truly
Enorme	>>	enorme	>>	enormement	=	enormously

**A few adjectives which end in -ant or -ent behave like this e.g.**

Évident	>>	évidement	(evidently)
violent	>>	violemment	(violently)
Constant	>>	constamment	(constantly)
Prudent	>>	prudemment	(prudently/ vigilantly/ alertly)

**Then there are quite a few exceptions – certain words that do not end with ment but are still considered as adverbs, e.g.**

Bon - bien	=	well	Très - trop	=	too much
Bon - mieux	=	better	Soudain - soudain	=	suddenly
Mauvais - mal	=	badly	Vite - vite	=	quickly
Mauvais - pire	=	worse	Beaucoup - beaucoup	=	a lot, much