

## Adjectives that End in "Ly"

Below is a list of many of the adjectives that end in "ly." The list is good to have for many things, not the least of which is for a reference when using compound modifiers so that you know whether to hyphenate the word or not.

Many people will question whether to hyphenate the term "finely tuned engine," and they may be tempted to leave the hyphen out because you don't hyphenate adverbs that end in "ly;" however, "finely" is an adjective and as such needs the hyphen. The phrase should be "finely-tuned engine."

- Beastly
- Brotherly
- Comely
- Costly
- Cowardly
- Daily (Can also be an adverb)
- Deadly
- Elderly
- Fatherly
- Fortnightly (Can also be an adverb)
- Friendly
- Gentlemanly
- Gentlewomanly
- Ghastly
- Ghostly
- Godly
- Goodly
- Holy
- Homely
- Humanly

- Kingly
- Leisurely
- Likely
- Lively
- Lonely
- Lovely
- Lowly
- Maidenly
- Manly
- Masterly
- Matronly
- Miserly
- Monthly (Can also be an adverb)
- Motherly
- Nightly
- Painterly
- Poorly
- Priestly
- Princely
- Saintly
- Scholarly
- Shapely
- Silly
- Sisterly
- Timely
- Ugly
- Ungainly

- Unruly
- Unsightly
- Unseemly
- Unworldly
- Weekly (Can also be an adverb)
- Womanly
- Worldly
- Yearly (Can also be an adverb)

Some words can be used as adjectives and adverbs. The trick to identifying them is to analyze the sentence and determine which word is being modified. I'll give a few examples below from some of the words on the list.

- He caught the early flight to Houston.

This is an adjective because early is modifying "flight" and it's answering "what" flight—the *early* one.

On the other hand, we've got the following.

- "He got up *early* to catch the flight."

In this case, it's showing "early" as an adverb because it's modifying "got up." It's answering the question *when* did he get up—*early*.

The most common question that adverbs answer is **how**. Adverbs answer the question **how**. They can also answer the questions **when**, **where**, and **why**. These questions are asked of the verb in the sentence, not the noun. It shows that in the example sentence listed above. We ask *when* the person *got up*.

That's not the only way to tell an adverb. There are even other questions that help identify if a word is being used as an adverb, but this is not the place to go over that. Perhaps we'll do that at another time.

For now, use this list as a means to identify adjectives that end in "ly," and focus on learning how to better identify adverbs.

If you find this list helpful, you can download it by clicking the link. [Adjectives that end in "ly."

