Adjective vs Adverbs: What's the difference between adjectives and adverbs?

Adjectives

What are adjectives and when do we use them?

- Adjectives modify nouns, help linking verbs, or can describe sensory experiences.

- Adjectives are used to describe how much, how many, which one, and what kind.

- Most adjectives come before a noun, but some adjective can come after a form of the following verbs:
  - Be
  - Feel
  - Taste
  - Smell
  - Sound
  - Look
  - Appear
  - Seem

How do we format adjectives?

- Generally, adjectives come before the nouns they're modifying.
  - The *old* dog met the *new* cat.

- If you have more than one adjective modifying the noun, use commas or *and*.
  - The *boring, long* meeting was finally over.
  - The *long, boring* meeting was finally over.

Examples:

big	bitter	bright	colorful	different
important	little	long	new	old
other	short	strong	sweet	tall

For more on adjectives, look here:

- Merriam-Webster's Dictionary: https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/adjective

- Grammarly–Using Adjectives: https://www.grammarly.com/blog/adjective/

Adverbs

What are adverbs and when do we use them?

- Adverbs modify verbs, adjectives, and other adverbs. Usually adverbs can be found with a -ly ending.

- Adverbs answer the questions of how, when, where, and why.

- Adverbs <u>cannot</u> modify nouns and generally do modify verbs.

How do we format adverbs?

- Generally, adverbs are found near the verb, adjective, or adverb they are modifying. They do not have a specific placement like adjectives.
    - She *quickly* went to class.
    - He performed *beautifully*.
    - *Fortunately*, they arrived at work on time.

Examples:

accidentally	alternatively	altogether	always	bluntly
boldly	carefully	desperately	easily	frequently
hardly	here	just	lastly	last year
normally	rapidly	rarely	slowly	quickly
quietly	there	thoroughly	thriftily	urgently

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