

Unit 6B

Vocabulary: Word Formation(2) - Adjectives to Adverbs

In the following sentences, which word is the adverb:

1. Stan shouted loudly for the cyclist to stop.
2. Yesterday while I was jogging, I wasn't concentrating and I ran straight into a tree.
3. The fire alarm started ringing in the building, so the workers had to get out fast.
4. The children were playing happily in the garden while the adults supervised.

A. Which adverbs above are irregular? *2/3*

B. Which can also be adjectives? *2/3*

*REMEMBER: We know that an adjective cannot modify a verb.

An adverb can modify:

a verb: *He sings **badly***

an adjective: *She is **extremely** tall*

another adverb: *You are speaking **too fast***

And adverbs can usually answer the following questions:

- **How?** *How does he sing? He sings **badly**.*
- **When?** *When is she going? She's going **later**.*
- **Where?** *Where is he going? He's going **inside**.*
- **Why?** *Why can't he walk? He can't walk **because of his recent foot operation**.*

Common irregular adverbs

Adjective	Irregular Adverb	Take Note!!
straight	straight	
early	early	
daily	daily	Sometimes we refer to these as adverbs of frequency . Others include hourly, weekly, monthly, yearly.
fast	fast	
hard	hard	Hardly is also an adverb of frequency, but is often used with ever to mean very seldom/almost never: <i>I hardly ever eat sugar.</i>
late	late	Lately is an adverb meaning recently, and not connected in meaning to late .
friendly	-	Not all adjectives ending in -ly can become adverbs.
good	well	

Forming Regular Adverbs from Adjectives

1. Adjective + -ly

This is the simplest and most common form. Adjectives **ending in a consonant** take **-ly** without changing spelling at all:

*He is a **dangerous** driver.*

*He drives **dangerously**.*

*She is a **quick** learner.*

*She learns **quickly**.*

*The **selfish** boy ate all the sweets.*

*The boy ate all the sweets **selfishly**.*

Exceptions:

This does not apply to adjectives ending in **-ic**.

2. Adjectives ending in -ic,

To form the adverbs, we add **-ally**:

*He is an **heroic** soldier.*

*He fights **heroically**.*

*Gale is a **fantastic** cook!*

*Gale cooks **fantastically**!*

3. Adjectives ending in -le

To form the adverbs, we drop the **-e** and add **-y**:

*She had just been very ill, so it was **understandable** that she missed the conference.*

*She had just been very ill, so she missed the conference **understandably**.*

*Gordon is a **terrible** singer!*

*Gordon sings **terribly**!*

Task 6.4

Use the word in capitals given at the end of the lines to form a word that fits correctly in the gap of the same line:

1. Maggie began her homework _____, as she knew it would be a boring and tiresome couple of hours. **JOY**
2. I have no idea where George is. He isn't _____ late for important meetings like this! **USUAL**
3. Although the alpinists were still all right physically, they had just lost a fellow climber to an avalanche, so they were in bad shape _____ . **PSYCHOLOGY**
4. I must remember to book myself in for my _____ dental checkup. **YEAR**
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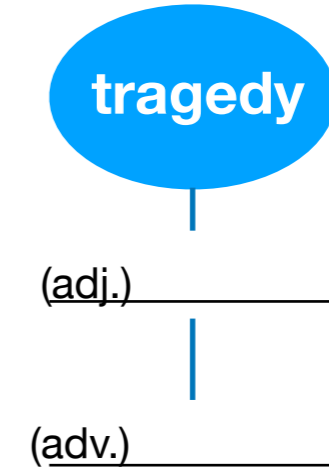
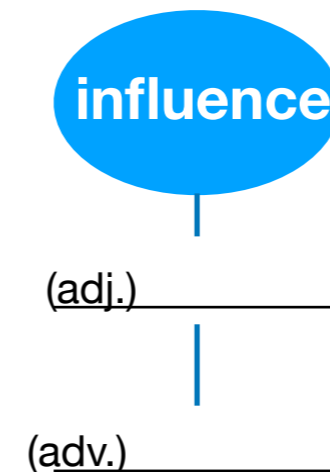
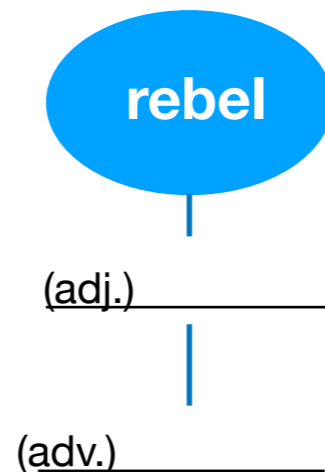
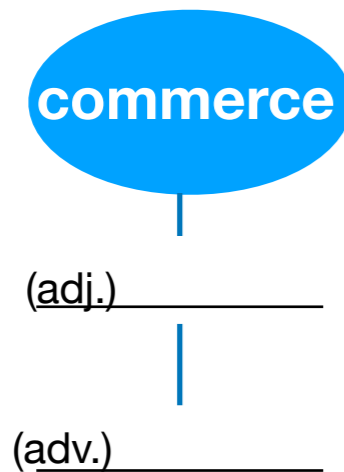
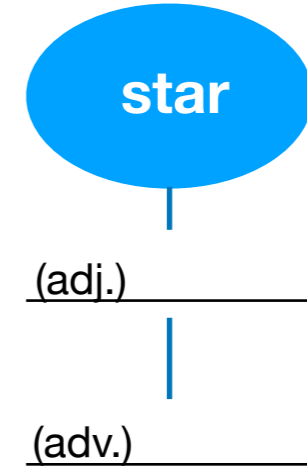
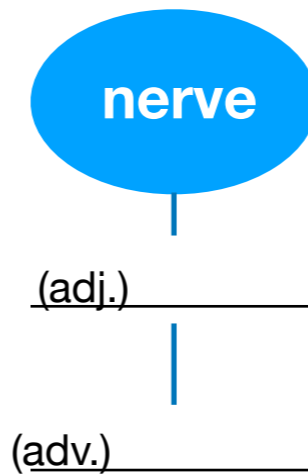
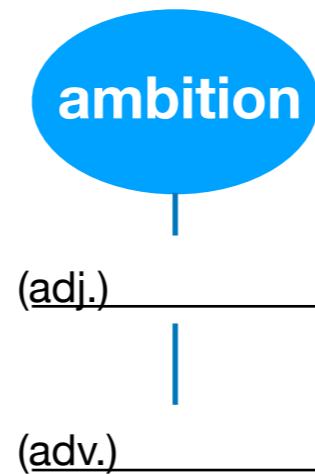
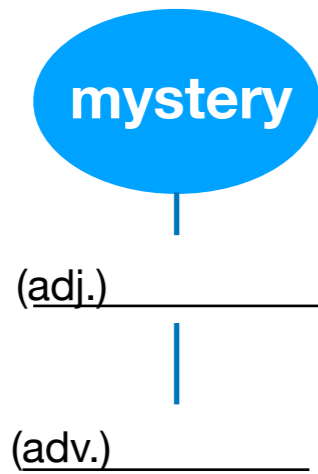
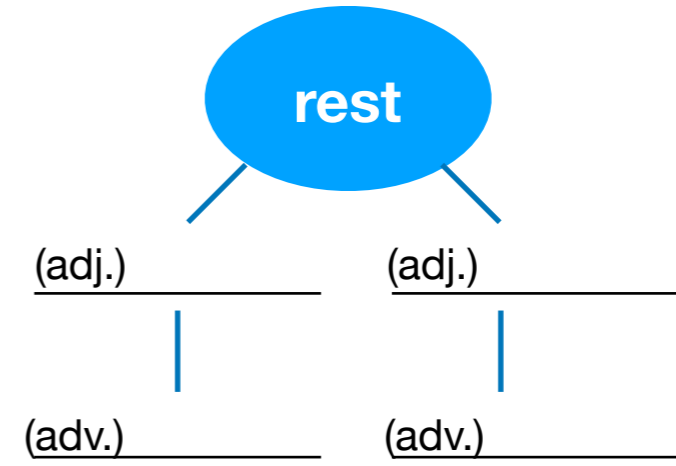
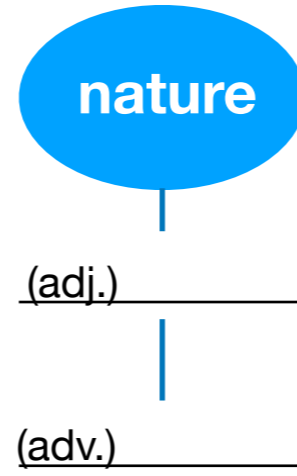
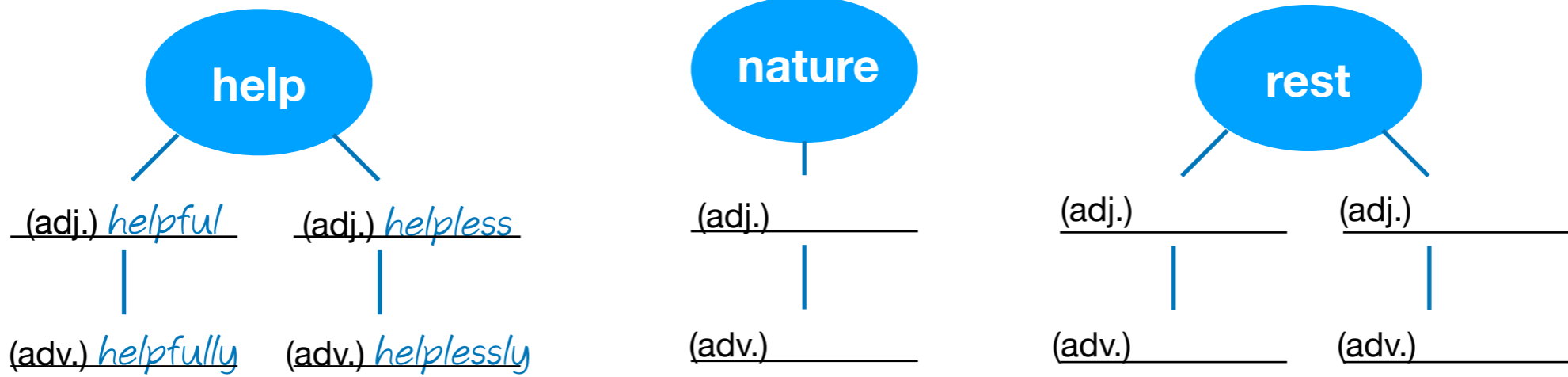
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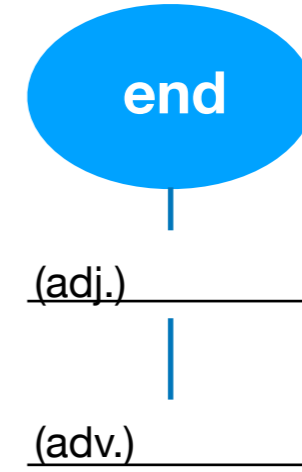
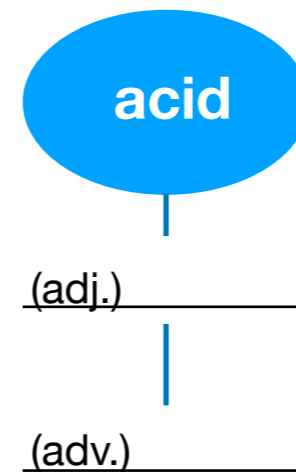
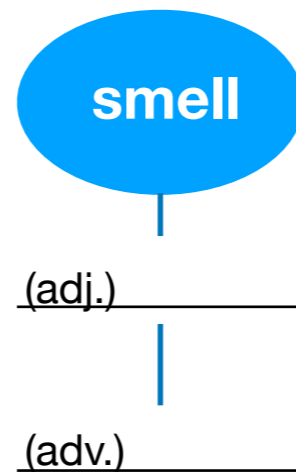
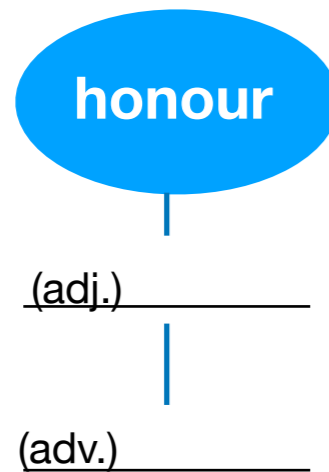
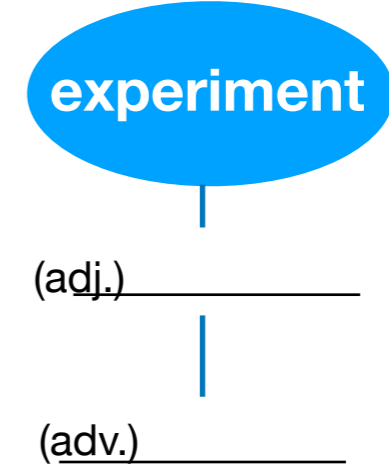
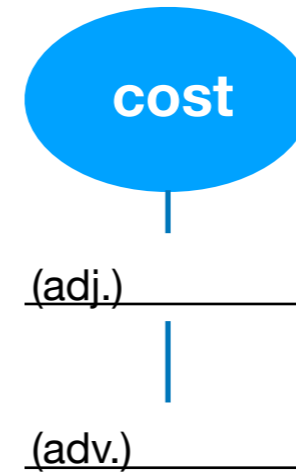
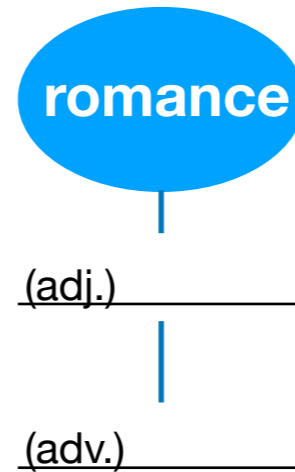
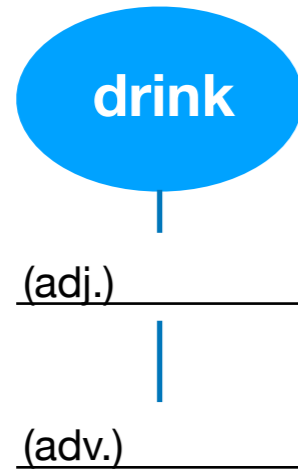
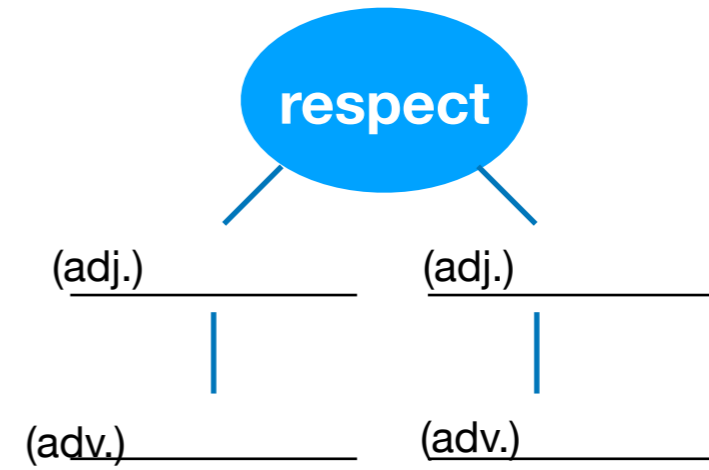
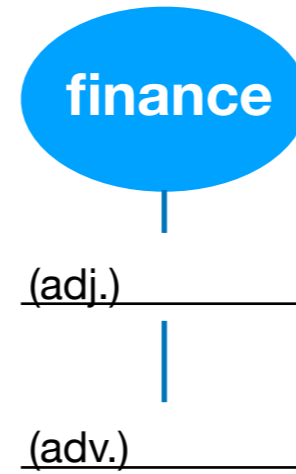
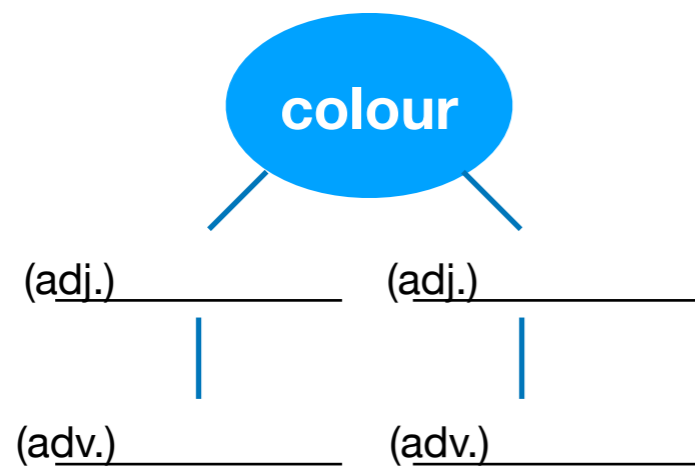
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Task 6.5

Insert the adjective and adverb forms of the nouns in the ovals below (some nouns may not be able to form adverbs):





Now check your answers with the following slides...

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Answers:

