# English Note For grade 11

## Language Focus

### Adverbs

### Adjectives and adverbs

Compare these two Sentences;

- The captain of the team was efficient that every one admired him.
- The captain led his teem so efficiently that everyone admired him.

Adjectives can be used before a noun. They can also be used after certain verbs. These are link verbs (verbs which refer back to the subject)

| Subject | link verb | adjective |
|---|---|---|
| He | became | famous |
| She | was | rich |
| They | ended up | successful |

Adjectives can also be used after verbs of feeling and appearance.

| Subject | verb | adjective |
|---|---|---|
| She | looked | beautiful |
| The vegetable | tasted | delicious |
| The room | smelt | horrible |

After most verb, though, you must use an adverb, not an adjective.

| subject | verb | adverb |
|---|---|---|
| The children | ate | quickly |
| Her clothes | fit | beautifully |
| She | speaks | well |

These are adverbs of manner, and they usually look similar to their related adjectives as they are made up as follows.

adjective + ly → quickly

However:

i/ Many adjectives do not have corresponding adverbs. eg old, little

ii/ Some adjectives can be used as adverbs without change.
eg hard, late

iii/ Some adjectives look like adverbs, but they aren't. eg friendly, cowardly

iv/ Some adverbs are completely irregular
eg good - well

Exercise

Complete this table with the correct forms of the the missing adjectives or adverbs. Note Some of the adjectives don't have adverbs.

| adjective | adverb | adjective | adverb |
|---|---|---|---|
| childish | childishly | hopeful | |
| | easily | cowardly | |
| good | | | |
| | | | early |
| fast | | friendly | |
| fast | | | |
| angry | | late | |
| | probably | slow | |

In the comparative form of adverbs behave in a similar way to adjectives.

Aberash's singing is beautiful (adjective)

It is more beautiful than her sister's (comparative)

It is the most beautiful singing I have ever heard (superlative)

Her guitar playing is as beautiful as her singing. (adjective)

Aberash sings beautifully (adverb)
She sings more beautifully than her sister
(comparative adverb)
She sings the most beautifully of any one I know. (superlative adver)
She plays the guitar as beautifully as she sings
(adverb)
one syllable adverbs are the same as adjektic in the comparative form.
sp fast - faster - fastest
Travelling by motor cycle is faster than by bus
(comparative adjective)
A motor cycle travels faster than a bus
(comparative adverb)
A car travels as fast as a motor cycle
(adverb)
Exercise complete these sentences with the correct form of the words in brackets. where necessary add than, the or as and make any necessary spelling changes.

a) Hana ~~Abel~~ studies ___ any one else in the class. I think She is ___ working students in the school. (hard)

b) The rains have arrived much ___ we expected this year. (early)

c) Generally dogs live ___ cats (long)

d) our new pump works ___ the old one. (efficient)

e) my ~~read~~ younger brother behaves far ___ I did at this age. (bad)

f) I can't speak Swahili ___ I should after living in Mombasa for several years (fluent)

g) This afternoon the Ethiopian team played ___ the normally do. (good)

## Language Focus

### I Wish

a) To express your wishes for the present and future.

e.g. I wish I were good at Maths (but I am not good at maths.)

Don't confuse wishes and hopes.
Hopes are possibilities, while most wishes are impossibilities.

Compare
I hop I become a doctor. (It may be difficult, but I may do it.)

I wish I could be a doctor.
(I am going to do something else as this is not possible).

b) To express your wishes and regarets about the past.
Eg I wish I had studied harder for the test.
(but I didn't study hard)

When we express a wish, we are talking about an unreal or even impossible situation.
For this reason, the tense of the verb changes, but that does not mean the time has changed.
It means that the verb is expressing something unreal.
Eg. I wish I were good at maths is talking about the present, not the past.

Note. We usually say I wish I were --- but we can also say I ~~wish~~ I was (This is also the case in some Conditional Sentences.
Eg If I were you I wouldn't do that!

Exercese.
Eg It's raining, so can't go to the match
I wish it weren't raining so we could go to the match.

a) It's pity there is no secondary school in my village I wish _____
b) We don't have enough time to prepare for the exam
c) We don't see each other very often because you don't live near my house.
d) I didn't go your party
e) I haven't finished my home work so I can't go out