

## La formation des adverbes 292-93

Describing how you do things

1. You form most adverbs in French by adding **-ment** to the feminine form of the adjective.

certain	certaine	+ ment	certainement
complet	complète	+ ment	complètement
annuel	annuelle	+ ment	annuellement
soigneux	soigneuse	+ ment	soigneusement

2. However, if the masculine form of the adjective ends in a vowel you add **-ment** to the masculine form.

poli	+ ment	poliment
vrai	+ ment	vraiment
absolu	+ ment	absolument

3. Note the spelling and the pronunciation of the adverbial form of the adjectives that end in **-ent** or **-ant**. The ending is always pronounced (ama) whether it is written **-emment** or **-amment**.

évident	évidemment
prudent	prudemment
courant	couramment

Quel est l'adverbe pour:

timide? \_\_\_\_\_  
patient? \_\_\_\_\_  
énergique? \_\_\_\_\_  
facile? \_\_\_\_\_  
furieux? \_\_\_\_\_  
comique? \_\_\_\_\_  
difficile? \_\_\_\_\_  
joli? \_\_\_\_\_  
franc? \_\_\_\_\_

And where do you place the adverb? Simple, after the verb.

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Traduisez:

He really is mean. \_\_\_\_\_

She is simply nice. \_\_\_\_\_

Frankly you get on my nerves. \_\_\_\_\_

We are patiently waiting for the bus. \_\_\_\_\_

I unconsciously dialed the wrong number. \_\_\_\_\_

You all should participate more vigorously. \_\_\_\_\_