

ADVERBS Good or Well?

Good is an adjective.

Good will describe a noun or a pronoun.

Examples: He is a **good** high jumper.

That last show was a **good** one.

These cookies are **good**.

Remember: A linking verb such as *to feel, to taste, to look, to become, or to seem* will use **good**.

First, determine if the verb is linking by inserting *is, am, are, was, or were* above it. If the sentence makes sense, use good instead of well.

is

Examples: This soup tastes **good**. good soup

was

The jockey became **good** at riding. good jockey

The forms for comparing **good**: good, better (2), and best (3 or more).

That baby is a **good** sleeper.

This baby is a **better** sleeper than his sister. (2)

He is the **best** sleeper in the entire church nursery. (3 or more)

Well is an adverb.

Well tells how and modifies the verb.

Anytime someone tells how they performed an *ACTION*, **well** is used.

Examples: He speaks **well**.

The clerk operates the cash register **well**.

Has he done his job **well**?

Exception: Use **well** to signify one's physical condition.

Example: I don't feel **well**.

The forms for comparing **well**: well, better (2), and best (3 or more)

She swims **well**.

Joan's sister swims **better** than she does. (2)

Blake swims **best** of all the boys in his 4-H club.