GUM Unit 10
Review
Objectives

Use the correct form of adjectives and adverbs in sentences.

Identify logical and illogical comparisons.
Adjectives and Adverbs

Is it *real* windy?

Or *really* windy?
This presentation explains how to discriminate *between* and *use* correct *adjectival* and *adverbial* forms.
An adjective and/or adverb item on an objective test might look like this ...
Sample Item

Jacob ate **slow**, chewing his food **thoroughly**. His mother was **really** impressed since she often accused him of bolting dinner.

A. slowly  
B. thorough  
C. real  
D. No change is necessary.

Is **slow**, **thoroughly**, or **really** a problem?
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B. thorough
C. real
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*Slow* must become **slowly**, a fix that option A makes.
Adjectives describe nouns.

The man lay on the couch.

That's not very descriptive!
Adjectives describe nouns.

The **handsome** man lay on the **red** couch.

I’m not sure **handsome** is the **right** adjective.
Adverbs modify verbs, adjectives, and other adverbs.

The man flirted in a bold manner.

Sometimes successfully!
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The man shamelessly flirted in an extremely bold manner.

Sometimes successfully!
What *sounds* right is *not* always correct!

Kenny thinks that he is real cool.

*Totally hip* people know that the adverb *really* needs to modify an adjective like *cool*!
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* Totally hip people know that the adverb *really* needs to modify an adjective like *cool*!
Mistake to Avoid

Be careful that you do not use both -er ending AND more or both -est ending AND most.

♦ INCORRECT:

The detective is the most smartest person who works with the agency.

♦ CORRECT:

The detective is the smartest person who works with the agency.
# Mistake to Avoid

Do not make mistakes with irregulars.

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Quick Test

**Directions:** In the items that follow, choose the option that corrects an error in the underlined portion(s). If no error exists, choose “No change is necessary.”

Blow us away with what **you** know.
Farzana did **poor** on her algebra quiz. She couldn’t concentrate **well** because her tablemate was chomping **noisily** on a piece of gum.

A. poorly  
B. good  
C. noisy  
D. No change is necessary.
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B. good  
C. noisy  
D. No change is necessary.
Lawrence cheated on the chemistry test, but he is still **very** happy with his A.

A. real  
B. so  
C. well  
D. No change is necessary.
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A. real
B. so
C. well
D. No change is necessary.
The *excruciating* long school day put Wanda in a *bad* mood. She was *very* tired and just wanted to go home to relax.

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B. worser  
C. real  
D. No change is necessary.
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The duck quacked **loud**, hoping that we would throw it some of our French fries.

A. loudest
B. real loud
C. loudly
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A. loudest
B. real loud
C. **loudly**
D. No change is necessary.
Mr. Hodges says to quit gossiping about Veronica and finish typing his report *real quick*.

A. very quick  
B. real quickly  
C. right now  
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Alex did **good** during his speeches, addressing his classmates with confidence and poise. But he did **poorly** for the semester because he never submitted homework **punctually**.

A. well  
B. poor  
C. punctual  
D. No change is necessary.
Alex did well during his speeches, addressing his classmates with confidence and poise. But he did poorly for the semester because he never submitted homework punctually.

A. well
B. poor
C. punctual
D. No change is necessary.
The **incessant** loud barks of her neighbor’s dogs kept Diane from getting a **good** night’s sleep. She did not feel **well** rested the next day.

A. incessantly  
B. well  
C. good  
D. No change is necessary.
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A. *incessantly*
B. *well*
C. *good*
D. No change is necessary.
The End.