4.D. **Can and adverbs** (p.41)

Can is one of the most commonly used modal verbs in English. It can be used to express ability or opportunity, to request or offer permission, and to show possibility or impossibility.

Examples:

I **can** ride a horse. *ability*

We **can** stay with my brother when we are in Paris. *opportunity*

She **cannot** stay out after 10 PM. *permission*

**Can** you hand me the stapler? *request*

Any child **can** grow up to be president. *possibility*

* Ex.1,3/p.41

Adverbs

Adjectives tell us something about a person or a thing. Adverbs tell us in what way someone does something.

Adjective > Adverb

Mandy is a careful driver. Mandy drives carefully.

Form:

**Adjective + -ly**

dangerous > dangerously

careful > carefully

nice > nicely

horrible > horribly

easy > easily

***Irregular forms:***

good well

fast fast

hard hard

If the adjective ends in -y, change -y to -i. Then add -ly:

happy – happily

but:

shy – shyly

If the adjective ends in -le, the adverb ends in -ly:

terrible – terribly

If the adjective ends in -e, then add -ly:

safe – safely

► Not all words ending in -ly are adverbs:

adjectives ending in -ly: friendly, silly, lonely, ugly

nouns, ending in -ly: ally, bully, Italy, melancholy

verbs, ending in -ly: apply, rely, supply

Use of adverbs

1. to modify verbs

The handball team played badly last Saturday.

2. to modify adjectives

It was an extremely bad match.

3. to modify adverbs

The handball team played extremely badly last Wednesday.

4. to modify quantities

There are quite a lot of people here.

5. to modify sentences

Unfortunately, the flight to Dallas had been cancelled.

* Ex.4/p.41