

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.

Does he **do** 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**.

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

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