

USING GOOD AND WELL

Good is always an adjective that describes a noun or pronoun.

This is a good cake. (“good” modifies “cake.”)

This cake tastes good. (tastes is used as a linking verb here, so good modifies cake.)

Well is an adjective when it describes a noun or pronoun and means “healthy.”

If you exercise, you will stay well. (“well” modifies “you.”)

You look well. (look is a linking verb here, so well modifies you.)

Well is an adverb when it modifies a verb, adjective, or adverb and tells how something is done.

You sew well. (“well” modifies “sew.” It tells how you sew.)

The **comparative** and **superlative forms** of good and well are

good	better	best
well	better	best

Using Good and Well. Underline the correct word in parentheses. Draw an arrow to the word it modifies.

1. I had a (good, well) time at the movies.
2. Heather ran (good, well) at the track meet.
3. Kyle knew he did (good, well) on the exam.
4. The cool water tasted (good, well).
5. Our shoes still looked (good, well) after the long walk.
6. Cats see (good, well) in the dark.

Using Better and Best. Write adjective or adverb in the blank to show how the italicized word is used.

1. You look *better* in your blue shirt. _____
2. I found the *best* shortcut to Jimmy’s. _____
3. You can job *better* in the correct shoes. _____
4. I feel *better* already. _____
5. This camera takes the *best* pictures. _____
6. Tim works *best* in the evening. _____