

## Some Adverbs From Feminine Adjectives Grow

In English, we form some adverbs by adding the suffix *-ly* to the adjective form:

slow → slowly    sad → sadly    bitter → bitterly

■ In Spanish, adverbs with *-mente* (derivative adverbs) are formed from the feminine adjective:

claro → clara → claramente    perfecto → perfecta → perfectamente

■ If the original adjective had a written stress mark, it is retained in the resulting adverb.

cómodo → cómoda → cómodamente    rápido → rápida → rápidamente

■ The adverbs formed by the addition of **-mente** are pronounced as two words, each part retaining its original stress, both written and spoken.

■ Remember, some adjectives have the same form for the masculine and the feminine:

triste → tristemente    fácil → fácilmente

■ If there are two or more adverbs with *-mente* used consecutively, only the very last one will have the suffix.

El chico habló lenta y tranquilamente.

■ Rules for the placement of adverbs are not absolute. The normal order, however, is before the adjective or other adverb and after the verb. As in English, variation is possible.

■ Sometimes, Spanish will use a prepositional phrase (*con + the noun*) as a substitute for the longer form ending in *-mente*:

con cuidado for cuidadosamente    con facilidad for fácilmente

**Práctica: Write adverbs for the following adjectives.**

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| 1. lento      | 6. difícil   |
| 2. misterioso | 7. triste    |
| 3. sencillo   | 8. fuerte    |
| 4. último     | 9. frecuente |
| 5. perezoso   | 10. posible  |