

Adjectives masquerading as adverbs

The following are adjectives which happen to end in *-ly* and so look like adverbs. They are not all formed from noun + *-ly* but many are.

Forming adverbs from many of them is simply impossible and in some cases results in a clumsy expression such as *friendlyly* or *livelily*.

The preferred formulation with most is, therefore:

in a _____ way / manner

The adjective *sly* forms an adverb normally.

The words marked * are also adverbial and mostly refer to definite frequency. The exceptions are *annually* and *seasonally* which are only adverbs derived from corresponding adjectives. The adjectives *early*, *kindly*, *unkindly* and *only* also function as adverbs (usually in the last case).

<i>authorly</i>	<i>gangly</i>	<i>lively</i>	<i>rumbly</i>	<i>ugly</i>
<i>bestly</i>	<i>ghastly</i>	<i>lonely</i>	<i>saintly</i>	<i>unearthly</i>
<i>bodily</i>	<i>ghostly</i>	<i>lovely</i>	<i>scaly</i>	<i>unfriendly</i>
<i>brambly</i>	<i>dastardly</i>	<i>lowly</i>	<i>scholarly</i>	<i>ungainly</i>
<i>bubbly</i>	<i>deadly</i>	<i>maidenly</i>	<i>seemly</i>	<i>ungentlemanly</i>
<i>burly</i>	<i>deathly</i>	<i>manly</i>	<i>shapely</i>	<i>ungodly</i>
<i>chilly</i>	<i>disorderly</i>	<i>mannerly</i>	<i>shaly</i>	<i>unholy</i>
<i>comely</i>	<i>drizzly</i>	<i>masterly</i>	<i>shelly</i>	<i>* unkindly</i>
<i>costly</i>	<i>* early</i>	<i>matronly</i>	<i>sisterly</i>	<i>unlikely</i>
<i>cowardly</i>	<i>earthly</i>	<i>measly</i>	<i>slovenly</i>	<i>unlovely</i>
<i>crackly</i>	<i>easterly</i>	<i>melancholy</i>	<i>smelly</i>	<i>unmannerly</i>
<i>crawly</i>	<i>elderly</i>	<i>miserly</i>	<i>southerly</i>	<i>unmanly</i>
<i>crinkly</i>	<i>fatherly</i>	<i>* monthly</i>	<i>shingly</i>	<i>unruly</i>
<i>crumbly</i>	<i>fiddly</i>	<i>motherly</i>	<i>sickly</i>	<i>unseemly</i>
<i>cuddly</i>	<i>* fortnightly</i>	<i>muscly</i>	<i>silly</i>	<i>unsightly</i>
<i>courtly</i>	<i>giggly</i>	<i>* nightly</i>	<i>slatternly</i>	<i>untimely</i>
<i>curly</i>	<i>girly</i>	<i>neighbourly</i>	<i>slovenly</i>	<i>unworldly</i>
<i>* daily</i>	<i>godly</i>	<i>northerly</i>	<i>sly</i>	<i>* weekly</i>
<i>dastardly</i>	<i>goodly</i>	<i>oily</i>	<i>southerly</i>	<i>westerly</i>
<i>deadly</i>	<i>gravelly</i>	<i>* only</i>	<i>sparkly</i>	<i>wifely</i>
<i>deathly</i>	<i>grisly</i>	<i>orderly</i>	<i>spindly</i>	<i>wily</i>
<i>disorderly</i>	<i>grizzly</i>	<i>otherworldly</i>	<i>sprightly</i>	<i>wobbly</i>
<i>drizzly</i>	<i>heavenly</i>	<i>painterly</i>	<i>squally</i>	<i>womanly</i>
<i>* early</i>	<i>hilly</i>	<i>pally</i>	<i>squiggly</i>	<i>woolly</i>
<i>earthly</i>	<i>holy</i>	<i>pearly</i>	<i>stately</i>	<i>worldly</i>
<i>easterly</i>	<i>homely</i>	<i>pebbly</i>	<i>steely</i>	<i>wriggly</i>
<i>elderly</i>	<i>* hourly</i>	<i>pimply</i>	<i>straggly</i>	<i>wrinkly</i>
<i>fatherly</i>	<i>jolly</i>	<i>portly</i>	<i>stubbly</i>	<i>writerly</i>
<i>fiddly</i>	<i>* kindly</i>	<i>prickly</i>	<i>surly</i>	<i>* yearly</i>
<i>* fortnightly</i>	<i>kingly</i>	<i>priestly</i>	<i>thistly</i>	
<i>friendly</i>	<i>knobbly</i>	<i>princely</i>	<i>tickly</i>	
<i>frilly</i>	<i>leisurely</i>	<i>* quarterly</i>	<i>timely</i>	
<i>gentlemanly</i>	<i>likely</i>	<i>queenly</i>	<i>treacly</i>	

The *-y* suffix is productive for the formation of adjectives from nouns and nonce words, such as *jungly* or *tangly* will often be formed from any noun ending in *-l* or *-le*.