

### Adjectives and Adverbs

**I/ Adjective** is a word that describes or modifies a noun.

E.g. The *unhappiest*, *richest* man / A *solid* commitment.

#### **1- Attribute and predicative adjectives**

The major syntactic function of adjectives is attribute and predicative.

- a- **Determiner – adjective- noun** e.g. a **pleasant** holiday. (attribute adjective).
- b- **Subject- verb- subject complement** (adjective) e.g. The holiday is pleasant (predicative adjective)
- c- **Subject- verb- object- object complement** (adjective) e.g. we made him happy (predicative adjective).

The large majority of adjectives may be used attributively and predicatively.

\*\* However such adjectives are attribute only e.g. (only, Roman)

E.g. A Roman holiday.

\*\* The adjectives “ill” and “afraid” are predicative only.

E.g. The soldier is afraid.

\*\* Some adjectives change their meaning when moved from one position to the other.

E.g. A small farmer is a man who has a small farm, but the farmer is small means that he is a small man physically.

**II/ Adverb** is a word that modifies a verb, an adjective, another adverb, or a sentence.

**Kind of adverbs:**

**Manner:** e.g. bravely, fast, hard e.g. He works hard

**Place:** away, everywhere, here, nowhere, there etc **e.g.** She went away.

**Time:** afterwards, eventually, lately, recently, tomorrow **e.g.** I will wait till tomorrow.

**Frequency:** always, continually, frequently, once, repeatedly, never **e.g.** He can never understand.

**Degree:** almost, barely, so, too, fairly, extremely **e.g.** I am almost ready.

**Sentence:** these modify the whole sentence or clause and normally express the speaker's opinion: certainly, definitely, luckily, surely e.g. He certainly works hard.

**Activity two:** fill in the gaps with the right word: only, suspiciously, ever, old, obviously, where

- a- He looked at me **suspiciously**.
- b- Have you **ever** ridden a camel?
- c- He is **obviously** intelligent.
- d- The hotel **where** they were staying.
- e- He is my **only** son.
- f- This house is **old**