

Irregular Adverbs (2)

***Be careful!** Some adverbs can be very confusing:

The word **hardly** means **the opposite of hard**, or "barely."

- **David hit me hard!** (It hurts a lot!)
- **David hardly hit me!** (It doesn't hurt at all.)
(Sometimes people greet each other by saying, "**Are you working hard, or hardly working.**" What do you think this means?)

The word **lately** means "**recently.**"

- **Vicky was late to school today.** (She was not early.)
- **Vicky has been tired lately.** (She has been tired recently - for a few days or weeks.)

Fill in the blanks with **hard, hardly, late, or lately.**

1. Jenna is working very _____ right now, so please don't bother her.
2. Jason is _____ working right now, so you can bother him if you want.
3. I have been taking many tests _____, so I have been studying very hard.
4. I came to class _____ because my mother drives too slowly.
5. It's _____ raining, so I think I will walk to school.
6. It's raining too _____! Can you drive me to school today?
7. I have been working late _____, so I haven't had enough time to sleep.
8. James _____ studies for his tests, so his grades are getting worse and worse.