

## 10.5 Irregular Adverbs

**\*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 slowly.
5. It's \_\_\_\_\_ raining, so I think I will walk to school.
6. It's raining too \_\_\_\_\_! Can you drive me to school?