

Good versus Well

Which word goes where?

Good:

- ✓ An Adjective
- ✓ Describes/Renames a noun
- ✓ It will follow the verb *Be*
- ✓ Follows *sense* verbs

The flowers smell good. ← Follows a *sense* verb.

He is a good actor. ← Describes what type of an actor.

The puppy was good today. ← Follows a *Be* verb.

Well:

- ✓ Most commonly an Adverb
- ✓ Describes *how* something was done
- ✓ Only an adjective when describing *health*
- ✓ *Well* can be replaced with a different adverb

You did well on the test. ← Describes *how* the person did on the test.

The patient isn't well. ← Describes the patient's physical health.

He ran well yesterday. ← Describes *how* he ran. Could be replaced with poorly or quickly.