Adverbs of manner: -ly, ily, ally

Normally we just need to add ...ly to an adjective to make it an adverb, for example; slow = slowly. There are irregulars like good = well.

If the adjective ends in an e we normally take away the e, for instance; True = truly, reasonable = reasonably

If the adjective ends in a y we use -ily, like; Funny = funnily, noisy = noisily

If the adverb ends in -ic we usually use -ally, for example; Basic = basically unless it is public = publicly

Now do the exercises by filling in the correct adverb:

1. I speak English and German _____ (GOOD).
2. I did not do my homework _____ (PROPER) so I was punished.
3. I read really _____ (PROPER).
4. The children are playing _____ (HAPPY).
5. You need to start learning languages _____ (BASIC) and then learn more complex phrases.
6. The teenager was playing the drums _____ (NOISY).
7. I think you should announce the news _____ (PUBLIC).
8. I am _____ (TRUE) sorry for your loss.
9. He opened his gift _____ (EXCITE) while his parents were waiting _____ (EXPECT).
10. They should drive far more _____ (SLOW) in the city centre.
Answers:

1. I speak English and German **well**.
2. I did not do my homework **properly** so I was punished.
3. I read really **quickly**.
4. The children are playing **happily**.
5. You need to start learning languages **basically** and then learn more complex phrases.
6. The teenager was playing the drums **noisily**.
7. I think you should announce the news **publicly**.
8. I am **truly** sorry for your loss.
9. He opened his gift **excitedly** while his parents were waiting **expectantly**.
10. They should drive far more **slowly** in the city centre.