

# Adverbs of manner

## Introduction



He drives very **quickly**.

## Definition

Adverbs of manner tell us more about verbs - about how something happens.

## Uses

We use them to answer the question, 'How?'

Use	Examples
To talk about how people do things.	They eat <b>healthily</b> . The team members work <b>efficiently</b> together.
To talk about how things happen.	The sun's shining <b>brightly</b> . The city is expanding <b>rapidly</b> .
To talk about changing trends and figures.	The situation is improving <b>rapidly</b> . The temperature is falling <b>steadily</b> . We expect the sales figures to increase <b>slowly</b> .

# Construction

Regular adverbs are formed with an adjective and 'ly'. Sometimes, there are spelling changes.

Spelling rule	Examples
<b>Add 'ly' to adjective.</b>	<b>slowly</b> <b>bravely</b> <b>badly</b> <b>quietly</b> <b>seriously</b> <b>strangely</b>
<b>Note that</b> if an adjective ends in 'l', we still add 'ly' so we have 'lly'.	<b>carefully</b> <b>beautifully</b>
<b>Adjectives ending in 'y' - change 'y' to 'i' and add 'ly'.</b>	<b>happy</b> <b>happily</b> <b>angry</b> <b>angrily</b> <b>lazy</b> <b>lazily</b> <b>easy</b> <b>easily</b> <b>noisy</b> <b>noisily</b>
<b>Adjectives ending in a consonant + 'le' - drop 'e' and add 'ly'.</b>	<b>gentle</b> <b>gently</b> <b>reasonable</b> <b>reasonably</b> <b>simple</b> <b>simply</b> <b>horrible</b> <b>horribly</b>
<b>Adjectives ending in 'ic' - add 'ally'.</b>	<b>automatic</b> <b>automatically</b>
<b>Note that</b> there is an exception: <b>public</b> <b>publicly</b>	<b>organic</b> <b>organically</b> <b>basic</b> <b>basically</b> <b>energetic</b> <b>energetically</b>

**Note that** not all words that end in 'ly' are adverbs. Some adjectives also end in 'ly'. For example:

- **friendly**
- **silly**
- **lovely**
- **likely**

# Irregular adverbs

Adjective	Adverb
fast	fast
hard	hard
good	well

For example:

He speaks English **well**.  
He speaks **good** English.

It's a **fast** car.  
He drives **fast**.

## Examples



He dances **badly**.



She's sleeping **peacefully**.



They're working **hard** to find a solution.



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