

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 healthily . The team members work efficiently together.
To talk about how things happen.	The sun's shining brightly . The city is expanding rapidly .
To talk about changing trends and figures.	The situation is improving rapidly . The temperature is falling steadily . We expect the sales figures to increase slowly .

Construction

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

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

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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