

# 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	
Add 'ly' to adjective.	slow <u>ly</u> bad <u>ly</u> serious <u>ly</u>	brav <u>ely</u> quiet <u>ly</u> strang <u>ely</u>
<b>Note that</b> if an adjective ends in 'l', we still add 'ly' so we have 'lly'.	caref <u>ully</u> beautif <u>ully</u>	
Adjectives ending in 'y' - change 'y' to 'i' and add 'ly'.	happy angr <u>y</u> laz <u>y</u> easy nois <u>y</u>	happ <u>ily</u> angr <u>ily</u> laz <u>ily</u> eas <u>ily</u> nois <u>ily</u>
Adjectives ending in a consonant + 'le' - drop 'e' and add 'y'.	gentle reasonable reasonab <u>ly</u> simple horrib <u>le</u> horrib <u>ly</u>	gent <u>ly</u>   simpl <u>y</u>
Adjectives ending in 'ic' - add 'ally'. <b>Note that</b> there is an exception: public	public <u>ly</u> automatic automatic <u>ally</u> organic basic energetic energetic <u>ally</u>	organic <u>ally</u> basic <u>ally</u>

**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:

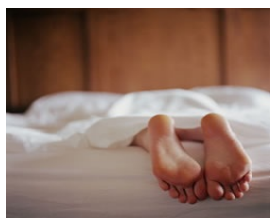
He speaks English **well**.  
He speaks **good** English.

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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