

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

Construction

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

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

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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