

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

**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**.

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He dances **badly**.



She's sleeping **peacefully**.



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



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