

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	
<p>Add 'ly' to adjective.</p> <p>Note that if an adjective ends in 'l', we still add 'ly' so we have 'lly'.</p>	<p>slow<u>ly</u> bad<u>ly</u> serious<u>ly</u></p> <p>carefully beautiful<u>ly</u></p>	<p>bravely quiet<u>ly</u> strang<u>ly</u></p>
<p>Adjectives ending in 'y' - change 'y' to 'i' and add 'ly'.</p>	<p>happy angry lazy easy noisy</p>	<p>happ<u>ily</u> angr<u>ily</u> laz<u>ily</u> eas<u>ily</u> nois<u>ily</u></p>
<p>Adjectives ending in a consonant + 'le' - drop 'e' and add 'y'.</p>	<p>gentle reasonable reasonably simple horrible horrib<u>ly</u></p>	<p>gent<u>ly</u> sim<u>ply</u></p>
<p>Adjectives ending in 'ic' - add 'ally'.</p> <p>Note that there is an exception: public</p>	<p>public<u>ly</u></p>	<p>automatic automatic<u>ally</u> organic basic energetic energetic<u>ally</u></p> <p>organ<u>ically</u> basic<u>ally</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**.

Examples



He dances **badly**.



She's sleeping **peacefully**.



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



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