

Adverbs of manner

GRAMMAR

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Intermediate

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English





Goals

- Can correctly position the adverb of manner in a sentence.
- Can understand how adverbs of manner can change the meaning of a sentence.







Preview and warm-up

In this lesson, you will learn more about **adverbs of manner** and the importance of their **position in the sentence**.



The company grew **quickly** after 2017.



Adverbs of manner

- We use **adverbs of manner** to talk about **how an action happens**.
- Look at some examples below:

well	carefully
quietly	loudly
slowly	quickly
happily	nervously
angrily	suddenly



Our manager speaks **slowly**.



Examples

- Here are some examples of adverbs of manner you already know:



I sleep **well** most of the time.

We often write our reports **quickly**.



The manager spoke **angrily**.



Examples

- Here are some more examples of adverbs of manner:



I prepare my reports **carefully**.

I will **happily** speak to the clients.



She replied to your e-mail **nervously**.

They speak too **loudly**.





Position of adverbs of manner

- Adverbs of manner can come **after a main verb** or **after an object**.



I work **well** under pressure.
She writes reports **well**.



Position of adverbs of manner

- Some adverbs of manner can also come between a pronoun and the main verb **to add emphasis.**



He **generously** gave us 30 days of vacation.



Match the adverbs of manner with the pictures

1. quickly

2. slowly

3. angrily

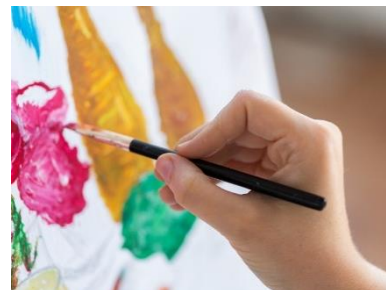
4. happily

5. nervously

6. quietly

7. creatively

8. loudly





Discuss

What are some activities you do...



...happily?

...quickly?

...slowly?

...angrily?

...well?

...politely?

...nervously?

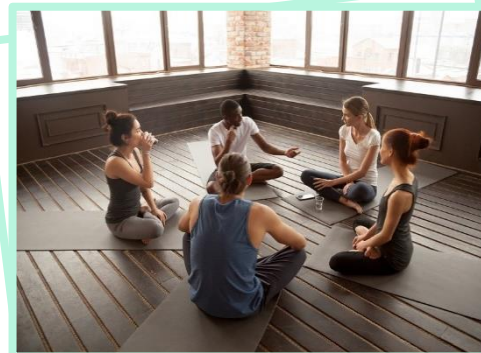
...creatively?

...carefully?



Look at the pictures

What are these people doing? Describe their actions using the adverbs of manner you have seen so far.





Position of adverbs of manner



- When there is **more than one verb** in the sentence, the position of the adverb of manner can change the meaning completely.

■ I asked
you quietly to
leave the office.

(the action of *asking*
was quiet)

■ I asked you to
leave the
office quietly.

(the action of *leaving*
the office is quiet)



- You cannot say: I asked you to leave ~~quietly~~ the office.
- Remember an adverb can **never come between** a verb and its direct object.



Position of adverbs of manner



- Sometimes, an adverb coming after a verb or after an object can also **affect the meaning** of the sentence.
- Look at these examples:

■ I write **well**.

(focus on **verb**: I'm a good writer in general)

■ I write reports **well**.

(focus on **object**: maybe I'm not a good writer, but I am good with reports)





Examples

- Here are some more examples of the previous rule:



Can you **politely** tell them to write the e-mail?

Can you tell them to write the e-mail **politely**?



She **quickly** told us to leave the building.



Examples

- Here are some more examples of the previous rule.



She told us to leave the building **quickly**.

I sat there and watched everyone **carefully**.



I sat there **carefully** and watched everyone.



Is the position of the adverb correct or incorrect?

	CORRECT	INCORRECT
1. I manage my time well.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Please arrive at the meeting quietly.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The manager always loudly speaks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. She writes beautifully letters.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. They spoke loudly to get her attention.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. We asked you to leave quietly the office!	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Unscramble

A

manages

time

well.

his

Our

colleague

B

write

report

please

quickly.

John,

the





Unscramble

A

nervously

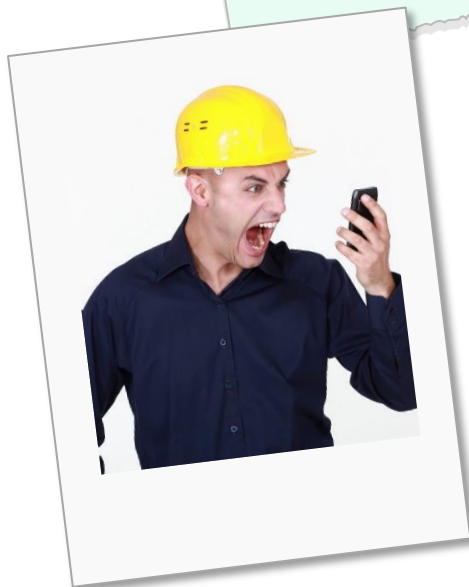
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asked us to

The manager

early

at the meeting.



B

at the

His teammate

colleagues.

yelled

other

angrily



Build sentences with adverbs of manner

1. I ran. (quick)

→ I ran *quickly*.

2. He cooked this meal. (generous)

→ _____

3. She wrote the letter. (careful)

→ _____

4. I work under pressure. (good)

→ _____

5. He asked for a favour. (polite)

→ _____

6. We waited for you. (patient)

→ _____

7. Why are you waiting there? (quiet)

→ _____

8. Breathe. (calm)

→ _____



Build sentences with adverbs of manner using the clues

9. Please speak. (clear)



Please speak *clearly*.

10. You write! (beautiful)



11. Please give them the news. (gentle)



12. We try to spell everything. (correct)



13. We spoke to him. (nervous)



14. You performed. (bad)



15. Please finish the report. (quick)



16. We prefer you write the e-mail.
(slow)





Complete the e-mail

Read the e-mail and complete it with logical adverbs of manner.

	-	□	×
From: Your manager			
Subject: New report			
<p>Dear team,</p> <p>Here is your new project. You have to write a report about our sales last year until next Tuesday!</p> <p>Please write the report _____ and make sure you divide the tasks _____. I don't want to see one of you doing all of the work! Also, I _____ ask you to use good sources for your research. Last time you chose your resources _____.</p> <p>I am _____ watching your steps. I want to give you a good evaluation, so do your work _____!</p> <p>Good luck, Your manager</p>			



Writing

You have finished the report.
Write a short response to your manager using adverbs of manner.
Then, share your response with your classmates.

The image shows a stylized email composition window. At the top right, there are three window control buttons: a minus sign, a square, and a red 'X' button. Below these, there are two input fields. The first is labeled 'To: Your manager'. The second is labeled 'Subject:'. Below the subject field is a large rectangular area for the email body, containing several horizontal lines for text entry.



Discussion

Can you explain these quotes in other words?
Do you agree or disagree with them?

“

What we do **passionately**, we can never do **badly**.

”

“

Sometimes, speaking **gently** is better than speaking **honestly**.

”





Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Answer key

Exercise 2, p.17

1. Correct
2. Correct
3. Incorrect
4. Incorrect
5. Correct
6. Incorrect

Exercise 1, p.10 (pictures left to right)

1. 4th picture (woman running)
2. 6th picture (snail)
3. 1st picture (boy yelling)
4. 5th picture (happy girl before lunch)
5. 3rd picture (worried man)
6. 2nd picture (girl asking us to speak quietly)
7. 8th picture (person painting)
8. 7th picture (party)



Answer key

Exercise 4, p.19

1. The manager nervously asked to arrive early at the meeting.
2. His teammate angrily yelled at the other colleagues.

Exercise 3, p.18

1. Our colleague manages his time well.
2. John, please write the report quickly.



Answer key

Exercise 5, p.20-21

1. I ran quickly.
2. He cooked this meal generously.
3. She wrote the letter carefully.
4. I work well under pressure.
5. He asked politely for a favour.
6. We waited patiently for you.
7. Why are you waiting there quietly?
8. Breathe calmly.
9. Please speak clearly.
10. You write beautifully!
11. Please give them the news gently.
12. We try to spell everything correctly.
13. We spoke to him nervously.
14. You performed badly.
15. Please finish the report quickly.
16. We prefer you write the e-mail slowly.





Complete the sentences

**Please complete these sentences with an adverb of manner.
You can choose the adverb: just make sure it makes sense!**

1. I read the letter _____.
2. We told you to write the e-mail _____!
3. Can you _____ tell her to leave the office right now?
4. My colleagues always speak _____.
5. Our manager watches us _____.



Create your own sentences

Try creating spontaneous sentences with these adverbs.
Then, write them down.





Writing

What are some skills you have?
Use adverbs of manner to describe some of your skills.

quickly

beautifully

professionally

generously

carefully

confidently



I type quickly. I speak English



confidently.





Answer key

Exercise 1, p.31 (suggestions):

1. I read the letter calmly.
2. We told you to write the e-mail quickly!
3. Can you politely tell her to leave the office right now?
4. My colleagues always speak loudly.
5. Our manager watches us carefully.



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