

GRAMMAR

Adverbs of manner

LEVEL

Elementary (A2)

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LANGUAGE

English



Learning outcomes

- I can use adverbs of manner in a simple sentence.
- I can use adverbs of manner to change the meaning of a sentence.



Warm-up

**Do you know
anyone who can
sing beautifully?**

**Share your answer with the
rest of the class!**





Adverbs of manner

- **Adverbs of manner** describe how we **do something** or **how something happens**.
- Regular adverbs are formed by adding **-ly** to an adjective.
- Sometimes a small change in spelling is necessary to add **-ly**. Look at **happy** and **gentle**.

adjective	adverb of manner
quiet	He spoke quietly .
loud	She spoke loudly .
quick	They ran quickly .
slow	We walked slowly .
happy	She smiled happily .
gentle	You spoke gently .

Placement of adverbs of manner

- **Adverbs of manner** are usually placed **either** after the **main verb** or **after** its **object**.
- **Adverbs of manner** cannot go **between** a **verb** and its **direct object**.

correct	correct	incorrect
He wrote quickly.	He wrote the letter quickly.	He wrote quickly the letter.
He ate slowly.	He ate the apple slowly.	He ate slowly the apple.



Rewrite the sentences

Rewrite the sentences by changing the adjective in parentheses to **adverbs of manner**.

1 She is running around the track. (**quick**)



*She is running **quickly** around the track.
She is running around the track **quickly**.*

2 He is polishing the vase. (**careful**)



3 She is playing the piano. (**beautiful**)



4 She is talking to the children. (**quiet**)



5 They are walking to the supermarket. (**slow**)



6 We opened the door. (**gentle**)





Discuss

1. **Tell** your classmates **how you do something**.
2. **Use** the adverbs of manner below.

slowly

quickly

gently

quietly





Fill in the gaps

1. **Change** the adjectives in the pink box into adverbs.
2. Then **put** them into the correct gaps—more than one answer is possible.
3. Afterwards, **answer** the questions.

1 Who do you know who can run _____?

2 Do you know anyone who paints _____?

3 When do you have to speak _____?

4 When do you have to do things _____?

5 Have you ever done _____ in an exam?

quiet

quick

bad

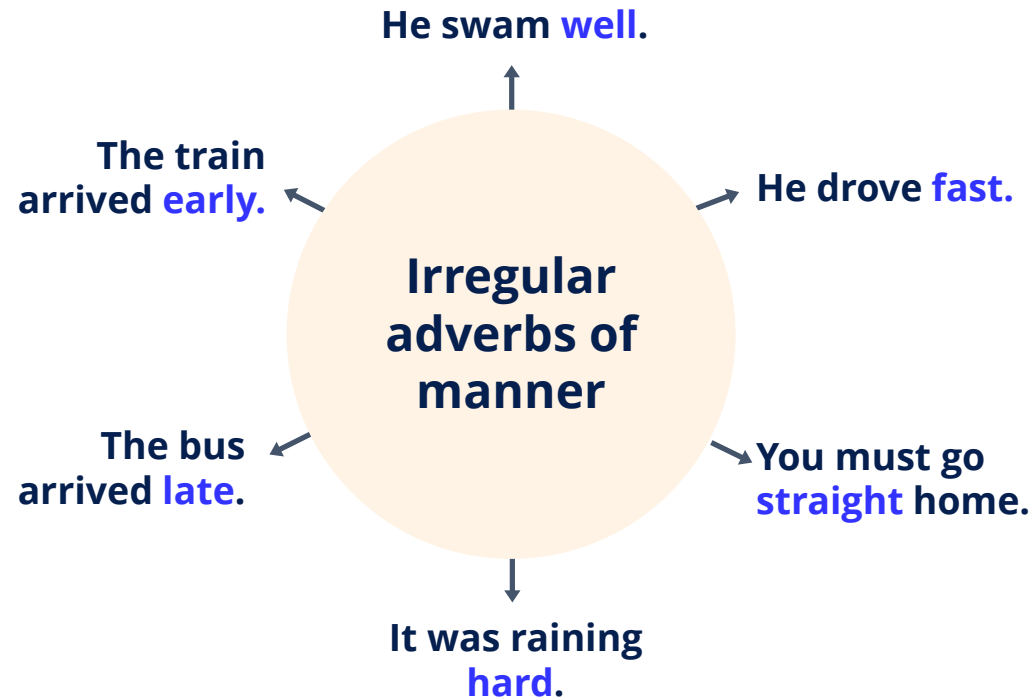
beautiful

careful

Irregular adverbs of manner

Not all adverbs are formed by adding **-ly**.

Review the common irregular adverbs of manner below.





Similar adverbs of manner

- Some adverbs look similar but have different meanings.
- Look at **hard** and **late** again.

adverb of manner	meaning
It was raining hard .	Hard means a lot.
It was hardly raining.	Hardly means very little.
The bus arrived late .	Late means not on time.
She has been feeling happy lately .	Lately means recently.



Using *hardly*

Here are some more ways to use the adverb **hardly** in a sentence.



I **hardly** spoke to Michelle **at all** at the party.

We **hardly ever** eat out these days because we are trying to save money.

Read the sentences above.
Notice the extra word/words that we can add to the adverb **hardly**.

We use **hardly** + **at all** and **hardly** + **ever** to **add emphasis**.



Unscramble the words

raining

last

it

was

night

hard



late

drove

but

fast

he

he was



Fill in the gaps

1. **Fill in the gaps** with the correct form of the adverb.
2. Then, in breakout rooms or together as a class, **answer** the questions.

1 Do you know anyone who drives very _____ (*fast*)?

2 In what jobs do you have to treat people _____ (*gentle*)?

3 What things can you do really _____ (*good*)?

4 Are there any things you have to work really _____ (*hard*) at?

5 How have you been feeling _____ (*late*)?



Placement of adverbs of manner

- The **position** of **adverbs of manner** in a sentence can **change the meaning**.
- This is when we have **two verbs** in one sentence.

adverb of manner	meaning
He quietly told them to eat their dinner.	the telling is quiet
He told them to eat their dinner quietly .	the eating is quiet
She quickly agreed to go home.	the agreeing is quick
She agreed to go home quickly .	the going is quick



Change the meaning of the sentences

1. **Move** the adverb to change the meaning of the sentences.
2. Tell your teacher what each sentence means.

1 He secretly told me to leave.



He told me to leave secretly.

2 He agreed to write quickly.



3 He told me to sing loudly.



4 She quietly asked me to go.



5 He quickly told me to start working.



6 They told me to open the door gently.

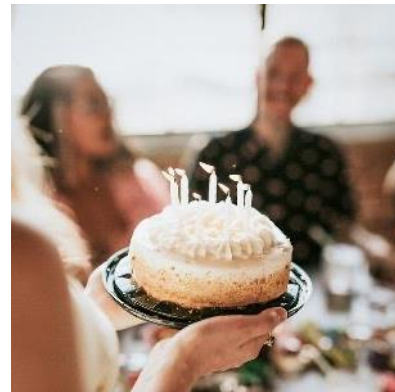




Discuss

Answer the question below.

What are the people doing in the picture below. Use as many adverbs of manner as you can!





End of the lesson

Idiom

In a manner of speaking

Meaning: sort of; not exactly

Example:

A: Did you have a chance to catch up with Louise before she went on holidays?

B: In a manner of speaking... We bumped into each other on the street and chatted a little.



Additional practice



Fill in the blanks

Complete the sentences with the correct words.

- 1 Did you hear that Alex won the competition really _____?
- 2 No, but I know he swims very _____.
- 3 Caroline wanted to be in the competition too, but she arrived _____.
- 4 Why was she late? She is usually _____ for everything!
- 5 Yes, but it was raining _____ and her dad had to drive very _____.

early

late

easily

slowly

well

hard



Complete with an adjective or an adverb

adjective	adverb
careful	_____1._____
_____2._____	sadly
_____3._____	badly
easy	_____4._____
gentle	_____5._____
_____6._____	happily
good	_____7._____
beautiful	_____8._____





Spot the mistakes

1. **Read** the text.
2. Then **answer** the question below.

John was waiting for patiently his friends, and he was smiling happily. They were all going out for dinner for his birthday. John's phone rang and he picked it up and listened carefully. His friends were already at the restaurant! John ran to quickly the restaurant. When he arrived, he saw that all his friends and family were there – more than 50 people. He laughed loud as everyone sang happy birthday to him. It was a surprise party!



Can you find **5 mistakes** with adverbs of manner in the text?



Answer key

P.6:

2. He is polishing the vase carefully.
3. She is playing the piano beautifully.
4. She is talking to the children quietly.
5. They are walking to the supermarket slowly.
6. We opened the door gently.

P.8. 1.) quickly 2.) beautifully 3.) quietly 4.) quickly, carefully 5.) badly

P.12: It was raining hard last night. He drove fast but he was late.

P.13: 1.) fast 2.) gently 3.) good 4.) hard 5.) lately

P. 15:

- 2.) He quickly agreed to write (the agreeing was quick)
- 3.) He loudly told me to sing (the telling was loud)
- 4.) She asked me to leave quickly (the leaving was quick)
- 5.) He told me to start working quickly (the working was quick)
- 6.) They gently told me to open the door (the opening of the door was gentle).



Answer key

P.20: 1.) easily 2.) well 3.) late 4.) early 5.) hard, slowly

P.21: 1.) carefully 2.) sad 3.) bad 4.) easily 5.) gently 6.) happy 7.) well 8.) beautifully

P.22: *mistakes:*

...waiting for patiently = patiently waiting for

happily = happily

carefully = carefully

John ran to quickly the restaurant = John ran quickly to the restaurant

He laughed loud = He laughed loudly



Summary

Adverbs of manner:

- **Adverbs of manner** describe **how** we do something or how something happens.
- Regular adverbs are formed by adding **-ly** to an adjective.
- Sometimes a change in spelling is necessary to add **-ly**. You can see this in **happy** → **happily**.

Placement of adverbs of manner:

- Adverbs of manner are usually placed either **after the main verb** or **after its object**.
- Adverbs of manner **cannot** go **between** a **verb** and its **direct object**.
- *He wrote **slowly** / He wrote the letter **slowly***

Placement of adverbs of manner (two verbs):

- The position of adverbs of manner in a sentence can **change the** meaning.
- This is when we have **two verbs** in one sentence.
- *She **quickly** agreed to go home* → the agreeing is quick.
- *She agreed to go home **quickly*** → the going is quick

Similar adverbs of manner:

- Some adverbs look similar but have different meanings, like **late** and **hard**.
- ***It was raining hard* → *It was hardly raining*.**
- *The bus arrived late* → *She has been feeling happy lately*.



Vocabulary

well

fast

straight

hard

late

early



Notes

