

ADVERBS OF MANNER (pg. 22 wkbook)

1. Adverbs of manner tell us **how** something happens.

Examples:

He **swims fast**. How does he swim? - **fast**.

She **sings beautifully**. How does she sing? - **beautifully**.

I **opened** the door **wide**. How did I open the door? - **wide**.

She **quickly finished** her dinner. How did she finish? - **quickly**.

2. Adverbs of manner are usually placed **after the main verb**.

Ex. He swims fast.

She sings beautifully.

It is possible to place the adverb **before** the verb. This places emphasis on the adverb.

Ex. She **calmly announced** that she had fallen in love with someone else.

She **quickly finished** her dinner.

But some adverbs are **always** placed **after** the verb.

These adverbs are: **well, badly, hard, fast**.

Ex : The team well played. - **WRONG**

The team **played well**. - **RIGHT**

He **performed badly**.

The students **tried hard**. (note: **hard** is an irregular adverb - don't say **hardly**)

The dogs **ran fast**. (note: **fast** is an irregular adverb - don't say **fastly**)

3. If the verb has an **object**, the adverb of manner is usually placed **after** the **object**, **not** between the verb and object.

Ex : I **opened wide** the door. - **WRONG**

I **opened** the door **wide**. - **RIGHT**

He **ate** the chocolate cake **greedily**.

She **typed** the email **hurriedly**.

However, it is possible to place the adverb **before** the verb, to emphasise the adverb.

Ex : He **greedily ate** the chocolate cake.

She **hurriedly typed** the email.

4. When there is more than one verb in a clause, the position of the adverb is very important.

If it is placed **with the verb**, it modifies the action described by the verb.

If it is placed **at the end of the clause**, it describes the manner of the **whole action** described in the clause.

Compare:

She **slowly decided** to leave the party. = **slowly** modifies **decided**.

She decided to **leave the party slowly**. = **slowly** modifies **leave the party**.

The teacher **quietly asked** the children to finish their game. = **quietly** modifies **asked**.

The teacher asked the children to **finish their game quietly**. = **quietly** modifies **finish** (their game).

Common adverbs of manner

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|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| angrily | badly | beautifully | calmly |
| carefully | cautiously | cleverly | dangerously |
| eagerly | excitedly | foolishly | fast |
| furiously | greedily | happily | hard |
| hurriedly | kindly | nervously | politely |
| quickly | quietly | secretly | silently |
| slowly | softly | stupidly | unhappily |
| well | wickedly | willingly | wisely |

Practice your use of adverbials of manner:

- <http://www.autoenglish.org/gr.adverbs.pdf>
- <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/english-grammar/adverbials/adverbs-manner>
- <http://www.ecenglish.com/learnenglish/lessons/adverbs-manner>