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**Adverbs of manner** are used to describe **how** things happen. They are usually put *after the verb*.



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- *The children are laughing **happily**.*
- *The girl is crying **loudly**.*
- *Liza dresses **elegantly**.*

## How to form adverbs of manner

### Regular adverbs

Adverbs of manner are usually formed by adding **'-ly'** to the [adjective](#):

- *careful* → *You should drive **carefully** at night.*
- *polite* → *Mary looks sad. Could you ask her **politely**, what has happened to her?*
- *serious* → ***Seriously** speaking, I don't like this idea.*

1. If the adjective ends in '-le', remove '-e' and add '-y':

- *gentle* → *This mechanism should be cleaned very **gently**.*
- *terrible* → *I will miss you **terribly**.*

2. If the adjective ends in a consonant + '-y', change '-y' to '-ily':

- *angry* → *She looked at me **angrily**.*
- *easy* → *Jack can do grammar exercises **easily**.*
- *noisy* → *Your old printer works **noisily**, you should change it for a new one.*

3. If the adjective ends in '-ful', double the '-l' and add '-y':

- *beautiful* → *Mary has cooked the meat **beautifully**.*
- *successful* → *Not all students passed their exams **successfully**.*

## Irregular adverbs

Some adverbs of manner are not formed by adding '-ly':

1. 'Well' is the adverb of 'good'. We often use 'very' and 'quite' with 'well':

- *Jane speaks German and French **very well**.*
- *Nick runs long distances **quite well**.*

2. Some *adjectives* ending in '-ly', like 'friendly', 'lovely', 'silly', 'ugly', don't change to become adverbs.

- *He spoke to me in a **friendly** manner. (NOT: ~~He spoke to me friendlyly~~)*
- *Her dancing is so **lovely**. (NOT: ~~She dances so lovelyly~~).*

3. Adverbs of manner, like 'early', 'late', 'fast', 'hard', 'low', have the same form as their adjectives:

- *The bus is late again (adjective).*
- *A am afraid, we'll arrive **late** (adv).*
- *Tom drives very **fast**, it's dangerous.*
- *We're working **hard** all day long.*

Note: An adverb of manner should NOT be put between a verb and an object:

- *He plays football perfectly.*  
*NOT: He ~~plays perfectly~~ football.*

Watch this short video from Top English to learn more about adverbs of degree:

Read more about adverbs:

[How to Form Adverbs](#)

[Adverbs of Frequency](#)

[Adverbs of Place and Movement](#)