Adverbs of manner

Adverbs of manner are a specific type of adverb that describe how an action is performed or the way in which something happens. They provide additional information about verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs. Adverbs of manner answer the question "**how?**" and give insight into the manner or style in which an action takes place.

Formation: Many adverbs of manner are formed by adding the suffix "-**ly**" to adjectives. For example:

- Adjective: quick. Adverb: **quickly**

However, not all adverbs of manner follow this pattern. Some adverbs of manner have the same form as the corresponding adjective. For example:

- Adjective: fast Adverb: **fast**

Position in a Sentence: Adverbs of manner are commonly placed after the main verb in a sentence. For example:

- He speaks **clearly**.
- She dances **gracefully**.

They can also be placed before the main verb, especially when emphasising the manner of the action. Additionally, they may appear at the beginning or end of a sentence for stylistic reasons. For example:

- **Carefully**, she opened the box.
- He finished his work **quickly**.

Modifying Verbs: Adverbs of manner primarily modify verbs, explaining how an action is carried out. For example:

- They drove **carefully** on the slippery road.
- She sings **beautifully**.

Modifying Adjectives and Other Adverbs: Adverbs of manner can also modify adjectives or other adverbs to provide a degree of intensity or comparison. For example:

- It was a **very** hot day.
- She runs **extremely** fast.



Examples:

slowly, quickly, carefully, happily, loudly, quietly, beautifully, gracefully, smoothly, kindly, patiently.

Adverbs of manner exercise 1:

Choose the correct answer.

1. She danced _____ across the stage.
a) graceful
b) gracefully
c) gracely

2. He speaks English _____.
a) fluently
b) fluent
c) fluencely

3. The children played _____ in the playground.
a) happy
b) happily
c) happiful

4. The team played _____ during the championship.
a) goodly
b) good
c) well

5. She solved the math problem _____.
a) easy
b) easily
c) easilly

6. The car stopped _____ at the red light.
a) sudden
b) suddenly
c) suddenful

7. She spoke _____ during the interview.
a) confidently
b) confident
c) confidencely

8. He performed _____ in the competition.
a) badily
b) badly
c) badful

9. He behaves _____ in social situations.
a) polite
b) politely
c) politelies

10. They work _____ in the garden.
a) hard
b) hardly
c) hardful

Adverbs of manner exercise 2:

Change the adjectives in brackets into adverbs of manner to complete the story.

Once upon a time, there was a young boy named Tom. He was adventurous and loved to _____**(1. playful)** explore the forest near his home. One day, while he was _____ **(2. innocent)** wandering through the woods, he lost his way. Tom felt very scared as he _____ **(3. desperate)** tried to find his path back home. He _____ **(4. frantic)** ran in different directions but couldn't recognise anything. Eventually, he decided to _____**(5. quiet)** sit under a tree and _____ **(6. patient)** wait. After a while, he heard his parents' voices calling his name. Tom _____**(7.happy)** followed the sound and _____ **(8. quick)** found his way back home. From that day on, Tom never _____**(9. careless)** wandered too far into the forest.



Adverbs of manner: answer key

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Where two or more answers are given, any of them is correct.

Exercise 1

1. b) gracefully
2. a) fluently
3. b) happily
4. c) well
5. b) easily
6. b) suddenly
7. a) confidently
8. b) badly
9. b) politely
10. a) hard

Exercise 2

(1) playfully
(2) innocently
(3) desperately
(4) frantically
(5) quietly
(6) patiently
(7) happily
(8) quickly
(9) carelessly

Corrections to the printed pages

Explanation: very and extremely are adverbs of degree, not adverbs of manner.