98 Adverbs of manner

Words such as "quietly" and "loudly" are adverbs. They describe and give more information about verbs, adjectives, phrases, and other adverbs.

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ADVERBS OF MANNER 98.1

Adverbs of manner describe the way something is done. They usually come after the verb they describe.



HOW TO FORM

Most adverbs of manner are formed by adding "-ly" to the adjective. If the adjective ends in "-y," the "-y" is left out and "-ily" is added to make the adverb.







FURTHER EXAMPLES

A tortoise moves slowly.

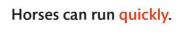


She sings beautifully.



My dad sneezes noisily.







I can play the piano badly.

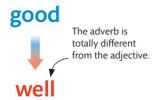


My sister dresses stylishly.



IRREGULAR ADVERBS OF MANNER 98.3

Some adverbs aren't formed by adding "-ly" to the adjective.







FURTHER EXAMPLES

It's dangerous to drive fast.



The job didn't last long.



Kris often arrives late.



Jon always studies hard.



ADVERBS WITH THE SAME FORM AS ADJECTIVES

Some adjectives have more than one meaning. In these cases, the equivalent adverb is often formed differently depending on the meaning of the adjective.

Chop the onion into fine pieces.

This means "small."



The adverb is formed in the usual way by adding . "-ly" to the adjective. "Fine" is incorrect here.

This means "good." I'm doing fine.

The adverb has the same form as the adjective. "Finely" is incorrect here.

FURTHER EXAMPLES

It's free for children.



Children are admitted free.

We advocate free speech.



You can speak freely.