

## Adverbs of Manner

### Introduction

1) An adverb is a word or set of words that modifies verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs. Usually adverbs modify verbs, telling us how, how often, when, or where something was done.

*We walked **really slowly**.*

2) There are many kinds of adverbs. Among them there are adverbs of manner. These adverbs tell us how something happens.

*I **carefully** read the note left on the counter.*

Adverbs of manner are usually placed either before the main verb or after the object.

*Tom **quickly** left the building.*

*Tom left the building **quickly**.*

Note that such adverbs as *well*, *badly*, *hard*, *fast* are always placed after the verb.

*~~Alice hard worked~~: Alice worked **hard**.*

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.

*Samuel **slowly decided** to leave the party. (The adverb modifies the verb 'decided'.)*

*Samuel decided **to leave the party slowly**. (The adverb describes the clause 'to leave the party'.)*

Sometimes a writer puts an adverb of manner at the beginning of the sentence to catch the reader's attention.

***Confidently** she entered the room.*

### Short Story Dialogue

– I don't know what's going on with Kate...

– What do you mean?

– Well, she finishes her meals **quickly** and storms back to her room. When she is in the living room she just **quietly** reads something and doesn't say a word. And today she **angrily** slammed the door right in front of me!

– Maybe she is upset? Or is she angry with you?

– I don't know! Whenever I try to initiate a conversation, she answers **passively-aggressively**.

– Be bold and ask her! You are siblings after all. She can't stay mad forever.

### Independent Practice - Adverbs of Manner

#### 1) Fill in the gaps with the adverbs from the box.

<i>truthfully</i>	<i>badly</i>	<i>patiently</i>	<i>safely</i>	<i>recklessly</i>
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- b. I don't want to be with her in the same car ever again! She drives .....
- c. The plane landed ..... on the runway.
- d. The judge asked him to answer the questions .....
- e. Everyone waited ..... for Mr. Smith to arrive.

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- b. She spoke so ..... (quiet) that the class couldn't hear her.
- c. 'You are late!' said Jane ..... (angry).
- d. I think our national football team played really ..... (good).
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## Independent Practice: Answers - Adverbs of Manner

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