

Adverbs of Manner Exercises (slowly, well, fast)

Level: A2

Adverbs of manner

An adverb of manner tells us how someone does something: She speaks slowly. He drives carefully. We make most of them with adjective + ly.

Use: Adverbs of manner say how. They go with action verbs like speak, drive, work, sing and run: He sings badly.

Form: adjective + ly: Add ly to the adjective: slow → slowly, quick → quickly, careful → carefully, quiet → quietly.

Spelling: y → ily: If the adjective ends in y, change y to ily: happy → happily, easy → easily.

Irregular: good → well: The adverb of good is well: She is a good singer. She sings well. Fast, hard and early have the same form as adjective and adverb: a fast car, He runs fast.

Word order: Put the adverb after the verb, or after the object: He speaks slowly. She speaks English well. Do not put it between the verb and the object.

Adjective or adverb?: After be, use an adjective: The test is easy. After an action verb, use an adverb: She did the test easily. Hardly is not the adverb of hard. It means almost not.

Exercise 1: Choose the Correct Word

Choose the correct adjective or adverb.

1. He drives ____ in the rain.
a) careful b) carefully c) care
2. Your English is ____.
a) good b) well
3. My sister sings very ____.
a) good b) well c) best
4. The boy is very ____.
a) quiet b) quietly
5. He works ____ at the shop. He is always tired.
a) hard b) hardly
6. Ana runs _____. She is first in every race.
a) fast b) fastly

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blank

Write the adverb that goes with the word in brackets.

7. The baby sleeps _____. (quiet)
8. Please speak _____. I can't understand you. (slow)

9. I can do this exercise ___. (easy)
10. The children are playing ___ in the park. (happy)
11. My father speaks English very ___. (good)
12. Jack gets up ___ every day. He is out of bed at five. (early)

Exercise 3: Put the Words in Order

Click the words in the correct order to build the sentence.

13. Put the words in the correct order: **English / well / she / speaks / .**

14. Put the words in the correct order: **runs / fast / brother / very / my / .**

15. Put the words in the correct order: **sing / well / very / she / doesn't / .**

16. Put the words in the correct order: **he / hard / work / does / ?**

Exercise 4: True or False

Decide if each statement is true or false.

17. 'Carefully' is the adverb of 'careful'. True / False
18. 'He plays the guitar good' is correct English. True / False
19. 'She speaks quickly English' is correct English. True / False
20. 'He runs fast' is correct English. True / False
21. In 'The test is easy', 'easy' is an adverb. True / False

Answer key

Exercise 1: Choose the Correct Word

1. b) carefully
2. a) good
3. b) well
4. a) quiet
5. a) hard
6. a) fast

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blank

7. quietly
8. slowly
9. easily
10. happily
11. well
12. early

Exercise 3: Put the Words in Order

13. She speaks English well.
14. My brother runs very fast.
15. She doesn't sing very well.
16. Does he work hard?

Exercise 4: True or False

17. True
18. False
19. False
20. True
21. False