

language focus

adverbs of manner

A Adverbs describe verbs.

- There are many different kinds of adverbs.
- We use adverbs of manner to describe how something happens.
The man walked **slowly**. (Tells us how the man walked.)
- We can put adverbs of manner **before** the verb.
They **angrily** **shouted** at the cat.
adverb verb
- We can put adverbs of manner **after** the object.
They shouted at the cat **angrily**.
object adverb
- We can put adverbs of manner **after** the verb and **before** the preposition + object.
They **shouted** **angrily** at the cat.
verb adverb preposition + object
- If there is no preposition, we do **NOT** put the adverb between the verb and the object.
~~We wrote quickly the letter.~~
verb adverb object

B We form adverbs of manner by adding -ly to an adjective.

quick → quickly

However ...

a If the adjective ends in -le, we drop the e and add y.

simple → simply

b If the adjective ends in a consonant + y we drop the y and add -ily.

clumsy → clumsily

c If the adjective ends in -l we add -ly.

careful → carefully

2 Spelling adverbs.

Use what you know about spelling adverbs from the language focus box to turn the following adjectives into adverbs. Use the example to help you.

1. polite politely

4. careful _____

7. loud _____

2. quiet _____

5. terrible _____

8. angry _____

3. speedy _____

6. noisy _____

9. nice _____

1 Definitions.

Read the following definitions and guess which adverbs from the box below they refer to. Write the adverbs in the space provided.

excitedly happily sharply
grumpily apologetically

- _____ when you are pleased about something
- _____ complaining a lot and unhappy about something
- _____ when you are sorry about something
- _____ sudden and quick
- _____ feeling full of action, keen and enthusiastic