

Adverbs of manner

VOCABULARY FOCUS adverbs of manner

- The words in **bold** in exercise 1a are adverbs of manner. They describe verbs. They tell us how we do something or how something happens.
- They often end in *-ly*, e.g. quick → *quickly*, or *-ily*, e.g. angry → *angrily*.
- Some adverbs are irregular, e.g. good → *well*, or don't change, e.g. fast → *fast*.
- Usually adverbs of manner go after the object, or, if there isn't one, after the main verb.

I ask them nicely to turn it down. I smile politely.

Activity 1

Read the questions and tick (✓) the sentence which best describes you.

When you sit next to a stranger on a bus or train, what do you do?

- a I say hello to them.
- b I smile **politely**.
- c I avoid eye contact.
- d I have a short conversation.

If that person starts listening to very loud music on their headphones, what do you do?

- e I look at them **angrily**.
- f I ask them **nicely** to turn it down.
- g I don't do anything, because it doesn't bother me.
- h I move **quickly** to a different seat.

Activity 2

Make an adverb with the adjective in brackets and put it in the correct place in the sentence.

- 1 I make decisions. (quick)
- 2 I can start a conversation with a stranger. (easy)
- 3 In my job I need to dress. (smart)
- 4 I get nervous when people drive. (fast)
- 5 I would like to speak two languages. (fluent)
- 6 I hate it when people speak on their mobile phones. (loud)

Activity 3

Make questions with a verb + adverb, using the adjective + noun prompts in the box.

Are you a good cook? → Do you cook well?

good cook careful driver quick typist slow eater/walker
regular traveller fast runner

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____