

Adverbs of manner



The -ly ending

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Adverbs of manner

- Adverbs of manner are the largest group of adverbs. Most adverbs of manner are closely related to corresponding adjectives.
- Although some words can be used as either adjectives or adverbs, in most cases, adverbs of manner are formed by adding **ly** to the corresponding adjectives.
- In most cases, **ly** is simply added to the positive form of the adjective. For example:

- **Adjective**

- bad
- complete
- normal
- surprising

- **Adverb of Manner**

- badly
- completely
- normally
- surprisingly



Adjectives ending in ic

However, when the adjective ends in **ic**, the syllable **al** is usually added before the **ly** ending. For example:

- **Adjective**

- dramatic
- scientific
- specific
- basic

- **Adverb of Manner**

- dramatically
- scientifically
- specifically
- basically



Adjectives ending in le

When the adjective ends in **le** preceded by a consonant, the final **e** is usually changed to **y**, to form the **ly** ending. For example:

<u>Adjective</u>	<u>Adverb of Manner</u>
favorable	favorably
humble	humbly
simple	simply

When the adjective ends in **le** preceded by a vowel, in most cases, **ly** is simply added to the positive form of the adjective. For example:

<u>Adjective</u>	<u>Adverb of Manner</u>
agile	agilely
sole	solely

However, in the case of the adjective **whole**, the final **e** is removed before the ending **ly** is added:

<u>Adjective</u>	<u>Adverb of Manner</u>
whole	wholly

Adjectives ending in ll

When the adjective ends in **ll**, only **y** is added. For example:

<u>Adjective</u>	<u>Adverb of Manner</u>
dull	dully
full	fully
shrill	shrilly

Adjectives ending in ue

When the adjective ends in **ue**, the final **e** is usually omitted before the ending **ly** is added. For example:

<u>Adjective</u>	<u>Adverb of Manner</u>
due	duly
true	truly

Adjectives ending in y

When the adjective ends in **y** preceded by a consonant, the **y** is usually changed to **i** before the ending **ly** is added. For example:

busy	busily
easy	easily
happy	happily

However, in the case of the adjective **gay**, **y** is changed to **i** before the ending **ly** is added:

gay	gaily
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However, in the case of the adjectives **shy** and **sly**, **ly** is simply added to the positive form of the adjective:

shy	shyly
sly	slyly

When the adjective ends in **y** preceded by a vowel, in most cases, **ly** is simply added to the positive form of the adjective. For example:

coy	coyly
grey	greyly

Adverbs of frequency

- It should be noted that while most adverbs which end in **ly** are adverbs of manner, other types of adverb may also end in **ly**. For instance, **consequently** and **subsequently** are connecting adverbs. The following are adverbs of frequency which are formed by adding **ly** to the corresponding adjectives.

<u>Adjective</u>	<u>Adverb of Frequency</u>
frequent	frequently
rare	rarely
usual	usually

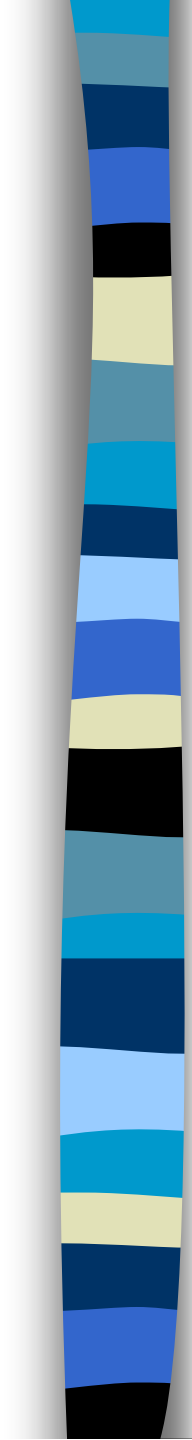
The following tables give examples of adverbs of manner, location, time and frequency which do not end in -ly.

<u>Adjective</u>	<u>Adverb of Manner</u>
good	well
fast	fast
hard	hard
little	little
loud	loud or loudly
much	much
straight	straight

<u>Adjective</u>	<u>Adverb of Time</u>
early	early
first	first
late	late
long	long

<u>Adjective</u>	<u>Adverb of Location</u>
far	far
high	high
low	low
near	near
wide	wide

<u>Adjective</u>	<u>Adverb of Frequency</u>
daily	daily
monthly	monthly
weekly	weekly
yearly	yearly



It should also be noted that there are several adjectives ending in **ly** which have no corresponding adverbs:

- friendly
- likely
- lively
- lonely
- silly
- ugly
- When it is desired to use one of these words to modify a verb, an adverb phrase of manner may be used.
- In the following examples, the adverb phrases are underlined.
- e.g.
 - He behaved in a friendly manner.
 - They acted in a silly way.

Adverbs With and Without ly Endings

<u>Adverb</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
hard	with effort
high	opposite of low
late	opposite of early
near	opposite of far
wide	opposite of narrow

<u>Adverb</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
hardly	scarcely
highly	very; very well
lately	recently
nearly	almost
widely	commonly