

Vocabulary – Adverbs

Adverbs of Manner – Mixed Vocab Exercises 1

Adverbs of manner are adverbs which describe the way we do an action, e.g. 'I gave generously to the appeal.' Practice using adverbs of manner, and maybe learn some new ones with the helpful vocabulary activities below:

- a) Read the 20 adverbs of manner and write the **adjective** form on the line beside each one; then put them into opposite pairs (antonyms):

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| 1. quietly <i>quiet</i> + 18. <i>noisily</i> | 11. anxiously _____ + _____ |
| 2. clearly _____ + _____ | 12. well _____ + _____ |
| 3. generously _____ + _____ | 13. late _____ + _____ |
| 4. warmly _____ + _____ | 14. sadly _____ + _____ |
| 5. indifferently _____ + _____ | 15. confusingly _____ + _____ |
| 6. badly _____ + _____ | 16. wrongly _____ + _____ |
| 7. lazily _____ + _____ | 17. energetically _____ + _____ |
| 8. punctually _____ + _____ | 18. noisily _____ + _____ |
| 9. correctly _____ + _____ | 19. coldly _____ + _____ |
| 10. happily _____ + _____ | 20. selfishly _____ + _____ |

- b) Complete the gaps below using the adverbs of manner:

- When Jan arrived home for the holidays, his aunt and uncle greeted him _____.
- Mr. Snowdon was _____ accused of stealing paper clips from the stationery cupboard.
- Alison regarded her ex-husband _____ as he glared at her from across the courtroom.
- On holiday we usually get up late and potter around _____, making breakfast and drinking coffee.
- Lee had _____ decided to keep the money people had donated and buy a new iPhone.
- We arrived at the drinks party _____ at exactly seven o'clock in the evening.
- On Christmas morning, Marlon tiptoed down the stairs as _____ as he could, so as not to wake his brother.
- I've never been able to play the guitar very _____, but I enjoy having a go!
- The friends jumped off the tram, chatting _____ to one another, all keen to begin their Christmas shopping expedition.
- We got to the meeting _____, which was extremely frustrating, because we had set off at least two hours early.

- c) Choose **nine** of the adverbs of manner, write a verb to collocate with each one, then write a sentence with that collocation, for example:

- noisily* / *eat* The kids ate their porridge hungrily, and, more to the point, noisily!
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Answers:

a)

1. quietly *quiet* + 18. *noisily*
2. clearly *clear* + 15. *confusingly*
3. generously *generous* + 20. *selfishly*
4. warmly *warm* + 19. *coldly*
5. indifferently *indifferent* + 11. *anxiously*
6. badly *bad* + 12. *well*
7. lazily *lazy* + 17. *energetically*
8. punctually *punctual* + 13. *late*
9. correctly *correct* + 16. *wrongly*
10. happily *happy* + 14. *sadly*
11. anxiously *anxious* + 5. *indifferently*
12. well *good* + 6. *badly*
13. late *late* + 8. *punctually*
14. sadly *sad* + 10. *happily*
15. confusingly *confusing* + 2. *clearly*
16. wrongly *wrong* + 9. *correctly*
17. energetically *energetic* + 7. *lazily*
18. noisily *noisy* + 1. *quietly*
19. coldly *cold* + 4. *warmly*
20. selfishly *selfish* + 3. *generously*

b) *Answers may vary. Suggested answers:*

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| 1. warmly | 6. punctually |
| 2. wrongly | 7. quietly |
| 3. coldly | 8. well |
| 4. lazily | 9. happily |
| 5. selfishly | 10. late |

c) *Answers will vary.*