

Vocabulary – Adverbs

Adverbs of Manner – Mixed Vocab Exercises 2

Adverbs of manner are adverbs which describe the way we do an action, e.g. 'The dresses had been made atrociously.' 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. politely <i>polite</i> + 14. rudely | 11. angrily _____ + _____ |
| 2. smoothly _____ + _____ | 12. neatly _____ + _____ |
| 3. recklessly _____ + _____ | 13. disagreeably _____ + _____ |
| 4. sloppily _____ + _____ | 14. rudely _____ + _____ |
| 5. coarsely _____ + _____ | 15. laboriously _____ + _____ |
| 6. atrociously _____ + _____ | 16. guiltily _____ + _____ |
| 7. kindly _____ + _____ | 17. innocently _____ + _____ |
| 8. cautiously _____ + _____ | 18. calmly _____ + _____ |
| 9. easily _____ + _____ | 19. bravely _____ + _____ |
| 10. timidly _____ + _____ | 20. wonderfully _____ + _____ |

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

- My partner coped with chronic pain incredibly _____ during the last few months of his life.
- Marta whispered to her son _____ as she bandaged his wound.
- Mrs. Bryant adapted to the role of senior accountant, not without issues, but overall fairly _____.
- Al gestured _____ to his former classmates, as they sailed away from the desert island.
- I spoke to my ex-husband about the missing maintenance payments _____ but firmly.
- Danny asked his daughter _____ if she would mind doing the hoovering once in a while.
- When her mother demanded to know where the chocolate cake had gone, Sue replied _____: 'I honestly don't know.'
- After the art class Rose complained _____ that the equipment had been put away really _____.
- To be honest, the whole wedding went really _____ – which was unexpected.
- Megan's kids and the other dancers at the end-of-school concert performed _____!

- 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:

- recklessly / behave* Dom behaved recklessly by rushing back into the burning building.
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- _____
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Answers:

a)

1. politely *polite* + 14. rudely
2. smoothly *smooth* + 5. coarsely
3. recklessly *reckless* + 8. cautiously
4. sloppily *sloppy* + 12. neatly
5. coarsely *coarse* + 2. smoothly
6. atrociously *atrocious* + 20. wonderfully
7. kindly *kind* + 13. disagreeably
8. cautiously *cautious* + 3. recklessly
9. easily *easy* + 15. laboriously
10. timidly *timid* + 19. bravely
11. angrily *angry* + 18. calmly
12. neatly *neat* + 4. sloppily
13. disagreeably *disagreeable* + 7. kindly
14. rudely *rude* + 1. politely
15. laboriously *laborious* + 9. easily
16. guiltily *guilty* + 17. innocently
17. innocently *innocent* + 16. guiltily
18. calmly *calm* + 11. angrily
19. bravely *brave* + 10. timidly
20. wonderfully *wonderful* + 6. atrociously

b) Answers may vary. Suggested answers:

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| 1. bravely | 6. politely |
| 2. kindly | 7. innocently |
| 3. easily | 8. angrily, sloppily |
| 4. rudely | 9. smoothly |
| 5. calmly | 10. wonderfully |

c) Answers will vary.