

## Vocabulary – Adverbs

### Adverbs of Manner – Mixed Vocab Exercises 3

**Adverbs of manner** are adverbs which describe the way we do an action, e.g. 'I smiled at her charmingly.' 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. roughly <i>rough</i> + 7. tenderly | 11. loosely _____ + _____        |
| 2. charmingly _____ + _____           | 12. gracefully _____ + _____     |
| 3. nervously _____ + _____            | 13. plainly _____ + _____        |
| 4. amateurishly _____ + _____         | 14. shyly _____ + _____          |
| 5. carelessly _____ + _____           | 15. fearlessly _____ + _____     |
| 6. annoyingly _____ + _____           | 16. elegantly _____ + _____      |
| 7. tenderly _____ + _____             | 17. awkwardly _____ + _____      |
| 8. impudently _____ + _____           | 18. respectfully _____ + _____   |
| 9. responsibly _____ + _____          | 19. tightly _____ + _____        |
| 10. confidently _____ + _____         | 20. professionally _____ + _____ |

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

- Penny stood by the door \_\_\_\_\_ while her husband quizzed her about her latest dalliance.
- Janine kissed her twins goodnight, \_\_\_\_\_ stroking their hair until they fell asleep.
- The wedding couple were dressed so \_\_\_\_\_ and danced so \_\_\_\_\_ to Bon Jovi.
- As the little boy ran away, he turned and shook his fist \_\_\_\_\_ at the gardener, who was devastated by the theft of his carrots.
- Martin strode \_\_\_\_\_ onto the stage and adjusted the microphone. "Thank you all for coming," he began.
- When the rollercoaster finally sprang into life, I clung onto my boyfriend's hand \_\_\_\_\_.
- I wrapped the presents \_\_\_\_\_ because I was in a bad mood and wanted to play Mario.
- We all agreed that the entire school staff had performed \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the inspection.
- The children waited \_\_\_\_\_ for their Grade 4 cello exam.
- Parachute on, Charles rolled towards the opening in the side of the plane \_\_\_\_\_.

- 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:

- responsibly* / *look after* The school expects all of its pupils to look after their books and equipment responsibly.
- \_\_\_\_\_
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*Answers:*

a)

1. roughly *rough* + 7. tenderly
2. charmingly *charming* + 6. annoyingly
3. nervously *nervous* + 15. fearlessly
4. amateurishly *amateurish* + 20. professionally
5. carelessly *careless* + 9. responsibly
6. annoyingly *annoying* + 2. charmingly
7. tenderly *tender* + 1. roughly
8. impudently *impudent* + 18. respectfully
9. responsibly *responsible* + 5. carelessly
10. confidently *confident* + 14. shyly
11. loosely *loose* + 19. tightly
12. gracefully *graceful* + 17. awkwardly
13. plainly *plain* + 16. elegantly
14. shyly *shy* + 10. confidently
15. fearlessly *fearless* + 3. nervously
16. elegantly *elegant* + 13. plainly
17. awkwardly *awkward* + 12. gracefully
18. respectfully *respectful* + 8. impudently
19. tightly *tight* + 11. loosely
20. professionally *professional* + 4. amateurishly

b) *Answers may vary. Suggested answers:*

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. awkwardly             | 6. tightly        |
| 2. tenderly              | 7. carelessly     |
| 3. elegantly, gracefully | 8. professionally |
| 4. impudently            | 9. nervously      |
| 5. confidently           | 10. fearlessly    |

c) *Answers will vary.*