

Vocabulary – Adverbs

Adverbs of Manner – Mixed Vocab Exercises 4

Adverbs of manner are adverbs which describe the way we do an action, e.g. 'The picture was painted beautifully.' 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. deliberately <i>deliberate</i> + _____ | 11. openly _____ + _____ |
| 2. arrogantly _____ + _____ | 12. secretly _____ + _____ |
| 3. dangerously _____ + _____ | 13. accidentally _____ + _____ |
| 4. evasively _____ + _____ | 14. beautifully _____ + _____ |
| 5. slowly _____ + _____ | 15. cleverly _____ + _____ |
| 6. poorly _____ + _____ | 16. proficiently _____ + _____ |
| 7. strictly _____ + _____ | 17. straightforwardly _____ + _____ |
| 8. incompetently _____ + _____ | 18. quickly _____ + _____ |
| 9. safely _____ + _____ | 19. tolerantly _____ + _____ |
| 10. humbly _____ + _____ | 20. stupidly _____ + _____ |

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

- If you examine the tiling work in the bathroom, you can tell how _____ it was done.
- John behaved so _____ – claiming the entire project was his idea, and his alone!
- Our teachers used to behave _____ towards us, but it didn't do us any harm!
- Briana reacted _____ when I enquired if she had been eating my packed lunch.
- Paul was _____ hostile to his boss's new assistant, behaving anything but _____.
- When I spotted Jo coming home I _____ hid the card I had been clumsily making.
- Jennifer discovered the truth about Brian's affair quite _____.
- The latest season of *Betty* on HBO has performed rather _____ compared to its predecessors.
- Alison received her award _____ with a short and simple thank you speech.
- Give me a call when you get to the hotel, so I know that you arrived _____.

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:

- slowly* / *drive* Daniel, why are you driving so slowly? Can you speed up a bit, please?
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
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Answers:

a)

1. deliberately *deliberate* + 13. *accidentally*
2. arrogantly *arrogant* + 10. *humbly*
3. dangerously *dangerous* + 9. *safely*
4. evasively *evasive* + 17. *straightforwardly*
5. slowly *slow* + 18. *quickly*
6. poorly *poor* + 14. *beautifully*
7. strictly *strict* + 19. *tolerantly*
8. incompetently *incompetent* + 16. *proficiently*
9. safely *safe* + 3. *dangerously*
10. humbly *humble* + 2. *arrogantly*
11. openly *open* + 12. *secretively*
12. secretively *secretive* + 11. *openly*
13. accidentally *accidental* + 1. *deliberately*
14. beautifully *beautiful* + 6. *poorly*
15. cleverly *clever* + 20. *stupidly*
16. proficiently *proficient* + 8. *incompetently*
17. straightforwardly *straightforward* + 4. *evasively*
18. quickly *quick* + 5. *slowly*
19. tolerantly *tolerant* + 7. *strictly*
20. stupidly *stupid* + 15. *cleverly*

b) Answers may vary. Suggested answers:

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| 1. proficiently. | 6. quickly |
| 2. arrogantly | 7. accidentally |
| 3. strictly | 8. poorly |
| 4. evasively | 9. humbly |
| 5. openly, tolerantly | 10. safely |

c) Answers will vary.