

ADVERBS OF MANNER

Exercises

Exercise 1

How are the speakers saying the sentences below? Match each sentence with the best adverb. Write the adverb in the blank.

Example: "Shhhhh, don't say a word," she said quietly.

politely	sadly	nervously	quickly	shyly
incorrectly	impolitely	happily	angrily	kindly

1. "I just got engaged!" she said _____.
2. "My dog just died," he said _____.
3. "I'm in a hurry," she said _____.
4. "I no make mistakes," he said _____.
5. "May I please make a telephone call?" she asked _____.
6. "Bring me a menu, fast!" he said _____.
7. "This is the last time I'm telling you! Clean up your room!" she said _____.
8. "W-w-will you m-m-marry m-m-me?" he asked _____.
9. "Please don't ask me to speak in front of the class," she said _____.
10. "Can I help you?" he asked _____.

Exercise 2

Read each statement. Use the adjective in parentheses to make another statement with an adverb.



Example: My son is a safe driver. (careful)

My son drives carefully.

1. Baryshnikov is an excellent dancer. (graceful)

2. Uta Piipig is a great runner. (fast)

3. My father is a good teacher. (patient)

4. The President is a good speaker. (effective)

5. Andrea Bocelli is a wonderful singer. (beautiful)

6. Teachers are hard workers. (diligent)

7. He is a well behaved child. (polite)

8. Some students are fast learners. (quick)

9. These painters are messy workers. (sloppy)

10. She is a good thinker. (quick/clear)

Answer Keys

Exercise 1

1. Happily
2. Sadly
3. Quickly
4. Incorrectly
5. Politely
6. Impolitely
7. Angrily
8. Nervously
9. Shyly
10. kindly.

Exercise 2

1. dances gracefully
2. runs fast
3. teaches patiently
4. speaks effectively
5. sings beautifully
6. work diligently
7. behaves politely
8. learn quickly
9. paint sloppily
10. thinks quickly/clearly

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