

HOW QUESTIONS

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- How asks about the **means or methods** by which something is done, or **the manner** in which it is done, or **the instrument** in which it is accomplished.

HOW QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED IN DIFFERENT WAYS:

- I- **By + Noun** answer questions about transportation or communication. The noun is a simple form without any article or modifier.

question	response	statement
How do they get here from New York?	By bus	They come by bus.
How do they contact their parents?	By smart phone	They contact their parents by smart phone.

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- 2- **By + ing-** form answers questions about action.

question	response	statement
How do they respond?	By smiling	They respond by smiling.
How do you show them the way?	By pointing	I show them the way by pointing.

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- 3- **with + noun** answers questions about instrument, equipment, or method used.

question	response	
How do they find their way around the campus?	With a map	
How do you begin to teach them?	With sentence patterns	

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- 4- **single adjectives** answers how-questions when they ask about the description of something.

question	response	statement
How do you like your coffee?	Black (hot, cold, sweet)	I like coffee black.
How do you eat steak?	Rare (fresh, sour, raw, cooked, fried, well-done)	I eat steak rare.

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- 5- **-ly adverbs** answers how-questions about manner.

question	response
How do you speak to your students?	Slowly and clearly
How do you behave?	Politely
How do they listen?	Carefully

ADVERBS OF MANNER

- I- adverbs of manner are regularly formed by adding –ly.

Adjective	Adverb
Quick	Quickly
Careful	Carefully
Wise	Wisely
Clear	clearly

ADVERBS OF MANNER

- 2- **Irregular adverbs** of manner do not end in-ly. There are only a few of these like Fast and hard. Slow is also sometimes used as an adverb instead of slowly. Well is the adverbial form of the adjective good

Descriptive Adjectives	Manner Adverbs
Bill is a fast worker.	Bill works fast.
He isn't a slow worker.	He doesn't work slow.
He is a hard worker ,too.	He works hard.
He is a good worker.	He works well.

ADVERBS OF MANNER

- 3- -ly words which are not manner adverbs sometimes cause learners to write ungrammatical sentences. A few ly words are adjectives which cannot be made into adverbs

Ly adjectives	
Positive attributes	Negative attributes
Friendly Lovely manly	Homely Ugly Lonely Costly

ADVERBS OF MANNER

- 4- **-position of manner** adverbs vary according to style and emphases. They are never placed between a verb and its object.

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Gradually	John		Improved his English	
	John	gradually	Improved his English	
	John		Improved his English	gradually