

B3. Country roads

adverbs of manner

Henry Kilburn loved fast cars. One day he looked out of the window and saw that the sun was shining **brightly**.

'It's a good day for a drive in the country,' he said to himself, **happily**.

So he set off in his shiny red sports car and turned on the radio. He started singing **loudly** to one of his favourite tunes and he put his foot down on the accelerator. The car was moving **quickly** through the countryside, when he went over the top of a hill and saw another car moving towards him. The woman in the car was driving very **slowly**, and she was honking her car horn.

As Henry passed her, she rolled the car window down, put her head out and shouted **loudly**, 'Pig! Pig!'

'Ridiculous,' Henry thought to himself **angrily**, 'I know I'm driving **fast**, but I'm driving **carefully**. Just because I'm driving **fast**, it doesn't mean I'm driving **badly**.'

'Stupid cow!' he shouted at her out of his window and drove away even **faster**.

Around the next corner he crashed his car into a pig.



Grammar: adverbs of manner

Adverbs of manner describe the way you do something. In the same way as adjectives can describe a noun, adverbs can describe a verb. Many adverbs are formed with **adjective + -ly**.

adjective + noun

*It was a **quick** meal.*

*She is a **careful** driver.*

*He's a **bad** tennis player.*

*It was an **easy** exam.*

adverb + verb

*We ate **quickly**.*

*She drives **carefully**.*

*He plays tennis **badly**.*

*I answered the questions **easily**.*

There are some irregular adverbs which do not end in **-ly**:

*Cathy is a **good** cook.*

*Cathy cooks very **well**.*

*It was a **fast** car.*

*He drove very **fast**.*

*It was **hard** work.*

*We worked very **hard**.*

Adjective or adverb? Choose the correct word to complete these sentences.

- Helen plays the piano very **good** / **well**.
- Our suitcases weren't very **heavy** / **heavily** so we didn't need a luggage trolley.
- It was a beautiful morning and the sun was shining **bright** / **brightly**.
- You didn't do **bad** / **badly** in the last exam, but I think you can do better.
- Please be **careful** / **carefully** with those glasses. They are quite valuable.
- I can't believe how **noisy** / **noisily** your dog eats.
- We arrived in plenty of time to buy our tickets and we caught the train **easy** / **easily**.
- I thought that the questions in the test were **ridiculous** / **ridiculously** easy.
- My brother gets very **angry** / **angrily** when people tell him to slow down.
- Haven't you finished yet? You eat very **slow** / **slowly**!

Vocabulary exercises

Choose the correct verb to complete these sentences. Use the past simple form.

crash turn set honk roll

- It was a warm day so I _____ down the car window
- Susie _____ on the radio to listen to the traffic news.
- The car went off the road and _____ into a wall
- On Tuesday morning the group _____ off on their journey.
- Jack _____ his car horn to warn the other driver about the accident.

Choose the correct preposition to complete these sentences.

6. The petrol station was **for / at / to** the top of the hill.
7. Fred put his foot down on the accelerator pedal and drove **on / in / into** even faster.
8. The police car was moving quickly **onto / along / towards** the building.
9. When you drive **on / around / into** the corner, you can see a large farmhouse.
10. When I go on long journeys I often sing along to a tune **at / to / on** the radio.

ANSWERS