

Intermediate 1
Unit 4: Grammar, Part A
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Expressions of Manner

Manner = How we do something; The way we do something

Expression = a word or phrase with a particular meaning

Generally speaking, there are three type of expressions of manner in English:

- Single-Word Adverbs of Manner
- Adverbial Phrases of Manner
- Adverbial Clauses of Manner

Single-Word Adverbs of Manner

Single-word adverbs of manner are usually formed by adding -ly to an adjective except adverbs such as “fast,” “hard,” and “well.”

*Robert drives **carefully**.*

*Michael sings **beautifully**.*

*Sally runs **fast**.*

*The farmers work **hard** on their farms.*

Adverbial Phrases of Manner

Adverbial phrases of manner are usually made by using a preposition followed by a noun phrase.

with/without + a Tool

*We usually eat soup **with a spoon**.*

*He managed to open the door **without a key**.*

*The repairman fixed the lock **with a screwdriver**.*

*Roger speaks English **with a strong British accent**.*

By + a Means of Transportation

*Sue usually goes to work **by bus**.*

*They usually rescue the injured mountain climbers **by helicopter**.*

*Many students in Tehran go to school **by subway**.*

*We usually travel in Iran **by car**.*

By + Verb+ing (By + Activity)

*We usually eat soup **by using a spoon**.*

*Sue usually goes to work **by taking a bus**.*

*The repairman fixed the lock **by using a screwdriver**.*

Adverbial Clauses of Manner

Adverbial clauses of manner are those clauses which start with the conjunction “as” and show how something is done.

Examples:

*The gangster killed Bill Jackson **as his boss had ordered**.*

*They did it **as I had asked**.*

Leave the papers as they are.
He got divorced, (just) as his parents had done years before.
As I was just saying, I think the proposal needs further consideration.

as = in the same way as

✗ I answered the questions with a pen.

✓ I answered the questions in ink.

in ink = by using a pen

in pencil = by using a pencil

✗ Robert was speaking with a loud voice.

✓ Robert was speaking in a loud voice.

in a loud voice = loudly

in a low voice = quietly

Point:

We can't use "a/an", "the", or a possessive word between "by" and a means of transportation.

Examples:

✗ I usually go to school by my father's car.

✓ I usually go to school in my father's car.

✓ I usually go to school by car.

✗ William often goes to work by the subway.

✓ William often goes to work by subway.

✗ Sally sometimes goes to the gym by her bike.

✓ Sally sometimes goes to the gym on her bike.

✓ Sally sometimes goes to the gym by bike.

Point:

We can't use the preposition "with" for the means of transportation. We should use "by" instead.

Example:

✗ I go to school with taxi.

✓ I go to school by taxi.

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