

# (14) Adverbs of Manner

Podcast Length: 14:34  
Character Value: Confidence  
Health Message: Paying attention while exercising

## Synopsis

Today's Walking Classroom podcast focuses on the effective use of adverbs, specifically adverbs of manner. Adverbs help clarify for the reader the "how, where, how often, when, and why" of other parts of speech. For example, in the sentence, "She walked briskly", briskly is an adverb that describes HOW she walked.

## Procedure

If you want to compare student comprehension before and after listening, administer the Comprehension Quiz before doing anything related to the podcast. Retest after walking.

1. Review key vocabulary (included definitions are limited to the context of today's podcast).
  - **assertive (adjective):** characterized by bold or confident behavior  
*The boy was **assertive** when he marched onto the stage and delivered his speech.*
  - **adverb (noun):** a word that tells how something is done  
*She used **adverbs** to make her writing more interesting and vivid.*
  - **modify (verb):** to describe something; to change  
*Adverbs **modify** other words and enhance their meaning.*
2. Build background by asking students, "The boy walked carefully over the grass. The boy walked furiously over the grass. The boy walked excitedly over the grass. How did I change your image of the boy in these sentences with one simple word?"
3. Allow time for discussion.
4. Podcast preview: "Today we're going to learn more about adverbs. We will learn how these tools of speech and writing help sharpen the images we associate with stories and allow us to make predictions about the text. Ready? Let's go!"
5. Walk!

## Questions for Thought and Discussion

Upon return to the classroom, discuss the main ideas and content from the podcast using the questions and suggested answers below.

1. **What were some of the big ideas of this podcast?**
  - ✓ Adverbs help clarify for the reader the "how, where, how often, when and why" of other parts of speech, enhancing the reader's ability to envision the topic.
  - ✓ Adverbs can be classified into specific types. The main foci of this podcast are adverbs of manner and adverbs of time.

- ✓ The use of adverbs helps clarify the details of a text to help us understand and make inferences and predictions while we read.
2. **Why do effective writers use adverbs in their writing?**
    - ✓ Adverbs allow the reader to envision exactly how, when, and why things are happening.
  3. **The kids in the podcast talk about speaking in an assertive and confident manner.**
    - a. **What do you assume about people who are confident?**
      - ✓ Suggestion: Confident people believe in themselves. It doesn't mean they are a know-it-all or don't make mistakes, but they aren't afraid to make mistakes or speak up.
    - b. **Is it possible to act confident even when you are afraid?**
      - ✓ Suggestion: Just because someone is confident doesn't mean that they are fearless. You might not like to speak in front of a crowd of people, but you can still muster up the strength to give a speech. Confidence is believing in yourself enough to do something despite the fears you might have.

## Health Check

1. Moving briskly and breathing deeply help maximize the benefits of walking.  
A) True      B) False
2. Walking while you are distracted is completely safe.  
A) True      B) False