1. Adverbs of manner tell us how something happens.

Examples:
He swims fast. How does he swim? - fast.
She sings beautifully. How does she sing? - beautifully.
I opened the door wide. How did I open the door? - wide.
She quickly finished her dinner. How did she finish? - quickly.

2. Adverbs of manner are usually placed after the main verb.
Ex. He swims fast.
    She sings beautifully.
It is possible to place the adverb before the verb. This places emphasis on the adverb.
Ex. She calmly announced that she had fallen in love with someone else.
    She quickly finished her dinner.
But some adverbs are always placed after the verb.
These adverbs are: well, badly, hard, fast.
Ex : The team well played. - WRONG
    The team played well. - RIGHT

    He performed badly.
    The students tried hard. (note: hard is an irregular adverb - don't say hardly)
    The dogs ran fast. (note: fast is an irregular adverb - don't say fastly)

3. If the verb has an object, the adverb of manner is usually placed after the object, not between the verb and object.
Ex : I opened wide the door. - WRONG
    I opened the door wide. - RIGHT

    He ate the chocolate cake greedily.
    She typed the email hurriedly.
However, it is possible to place the adverb before the verb, to emphasise the adverb.
Ex : He greedily ate the chocolate cake.
    She hurriedly typed the email.

4. When there is more than one verb in a clause, the position of the adverb is very important.
If it is placed with the verb, it modifies the action described by the verb.
If it is placed at the end of the clause, it describes the manner of the whole action described in the clause.
Compare:
She slowly decided to leave the party. = slowly modifies decided.
She decided to leave the party slowly. = slowly modifies leave the party.

The teacher quietly asked the children to finish their game. = quietly modifies asked.
The teacher asked the children to finish their game quietly. = quietly modifies finish (their game).
Common adverbs of manner

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Practice your use of adverbials of manner: