S.3 HOMESTUDY FRENCH WORK

Adverbes de manière (Adverbs of manner)

Adverbs of manner explain how something happens.

The majority of French adverbs of mannerend in –**ment**, which is usually equivalent to the English ending –**ly.** These averbs are formed from Frenchadjectives, as follows:

I. If the French adjective ends in vowel, add -**ment** to form the adverb

**ADJECTIVE FRENCH ADVERB ENGLISH TRANSLATION**

absolu absolument absolutely

admirable admirablement admirably

nécessaire nécessairement necessarily

passionné passionnément passionately

poli poliment politely

rude rudiment roughly

vrai vraiment truly

I.If the French adjective ends in a consonant, add -**ment** to the feminine form

**Masculine adj. Feminine adj. French adverb English translation**

amical amicable amicalement friendly

éventuel évantuelle éventuellement possibly

franc franche franchement frankly

normal normale normalement normally

premier première premièrement firstly

sérieux sérieuse sérieusement seriously

vif vive vivement sharply, deeply

**Exceptions**:

bref brève brièvement briefly

gentil gentille gentiment kindly

I/II. Rules I and II(above)ensure that French adverbs have a vowel immediately before the -**ment** ending.The following adverbs follow one of the above rules, but require an **acute accent** on this vowel:

**Adjective** **French adverb** **English translation**

aveugle aveuglément blindly

commun communément commonly

conforme conformément in accordance

énorme énormément enormously

intense intensément intensly

obscure obscurément obscurely

précis précisément precisely

profond profondément profoundly

uniforme uniformément uniformly

III. If the French adjective ends in -**ant** or –**ent**,remove the ending and add -**amment** or -**emment**

**Adjective** **French adverb** **English translation**

apparent apparemment apparently

bruyant bruyamment loudly

constant constamment constantly

intelligent intelligemment intelligently

patient patiemment patiently

suffisant suffisamment sufficiently

**Exception**:

lent lentement slowly

**Irregular adverbs**

bref brièvement briefly

gentil gentiment kindly

There are few French adverbs of manner that don’t in -**ment:**

ainsi thus

bien well

debout standing up

exprès on purpose

mal poorly, badly

mieux better

pire worse

vite quickly

volontiers gladly

**Examples**

Notre professeur explique **brièvement** après enseigner.

Les voitures roulent **rapidement**.

Mes amis bavardent **bruyamment** en classe.

Il faut attendre **patiemment** pour lui.

L’enfant marche **lentement**.

**Exercice: Construis vingt phrases comme dans les exemples ci- dessus. (construct 20 sentences as in the above examples)**

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