

ADVERBIALS

What are adverbials?

Adverbials modify verbs or clauses; they can be adverbs, phrases or clauses. Adverbials can be used to create cohesion within and across paragraphs.

Time	Frequency	Manner	Place	Degree	Probability
They finish school at half past three . At six o'clock , we will eat dinner. Yesterday afternoon , they went on holiday. He took his coat and left straight away .	They usually walk to school. My cat likes to sleep all day . I receive pocket money every week . 	She listened intently to what she said. He finished his homework as quickly as possible . Frantically , she dashed across the road.	We looked everywhere for him, but he was nowhere to be seen. In the distance , she could make out a dark figure. We met in Stafford .	He felt extremely cold. Nearly asleep , he checked the door was locked for one last time. Maybe he will come to the party.	We definitely should have won that match. Perhaps the sun will be shining. Unfortunately , he will not be there.

Adverbials can be found anywhere in a sentence; however, if they are found at the start, they are called fronted adverbials. They are followed by a comma.

E.g *Sometimes*, I brush my teeth three times a day.

Courageously, she took the final step.

In a blink of an eye, she was gone.

Be careful!

A sentence or clause can have more than one adverbial.

E.g *Almost every evening*, she studies hard *in her bedroom*.



Other adverbials

as a result subsequently **therefore** in contrast on the other hand **despite this**
 with the exception of in fact **in other words** most importantly
 to clarify **to summarise**