

Adverbials – to show time, place, frequency, manner and degrees of possibility

An adverbial is a word or phrase that is used, like an adverb, to modify a verb or clause. Adverbs can be used as adverbials, but many other types of words and phrases can be used this way, including preposition phrases and subordinate clauses. They can be used in different places within a sentence to create different effects. When they are used at the beginning of sentences, they are often called fronted adverbials.

time

straight away
later on
sometime later
earlier that day
soon
all of a sudden
before the end of the day
in the evening
as soon as possible
without delay
next week
in a moment

place

in the vicinity
on the ground
beside the window
somewhere far away
all around the world
over by the fence
out in the paddock
between the cliffs
down in the cellar
beyond the clouds
along the pavement
back at school
inside the house

frequency

occasionally
every now and again
all the time
very often
every week
hardly ever
always
continually
once in a while
generally
usually
seldom
periodically

manner

manically
as quick as a flash
gracefully
with hope in her heart
stupidly
cautiously
as slow as possible
gently
with fear in his eyes
easily
as quick as the wind
viciously
without warning

degrees of possibility

almost certainly
definitely
maybe
surely
possibly
clearly
obviously
perhaps
probably
undoubtedly
quite likely
impossibly
unquestionably