

# Adverbs and adverbials of time

Adverbs and adverbials of time tell us **when** an action happened.

They can also tell us **how long** they happened for and **how often** they happened.

e.g. We are going on holiday **tomorrow**.

We will be travelling **for three days**.

We go to the same location **every year**.



## Task 1: Circle the adverbs of time in these sentences.

- a) My mum said we would be leaving soon.
- b) Yesterday, we went for a walk in the woods.
- c) My sister is constantly asking my mum when she can have a puppy.
- d) The school has a monthly subscription to a children's newspaper.



## Task 2: Complete the sentences with the words in the boxes below.

hourly

tomorrow

rarely

now

always

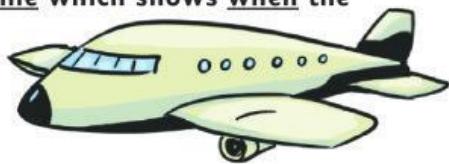
eventually

- a) The prisoners had \_\_\_\_\_ checks to make sure that they were behaving.
- b) My brother is \_\_\_\_\_ late so his friends tell him the wrong time to help his time-keeping!
- c) The safari guide said that unfortunately they \_\_\_\_\_ saw elephants in this part of the national park.
- d) Our parents \_\_\_\_\_ told us where we were going for our treat after we spent the day begging to know.
- e) "Go to the head teacher's office \_\_\_\_\_!" demanded the angry teacher.
- f) It is my birthday \_\_\_\_\_ and I am so excited that I can't get to sleep!



**Task 3: Complete the sentences with an appropriate adverb of time which shows when the action took place.**

a) My best friend will arrive by aeroplane \_\_\_\_\_.



b) My brother hasn't bought by dad's birthday present \_\_\_\_\_.

c) I cleaned the whole house \_\_\_\_\_ because my family were coming to stay.

d) June had to go out for a bit but she will be back \_\_\_\_\_.

**Task 4: Sort the adverbs and adverbials of time into the correct columns.**

often

last month

since last night

now

nightly

for weeks

all day

regularly

yesterday

most of the evening

tonight

sometimes

for a year

normally

today

| Time (when) | Duration (how long) | Frequency (how often) |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
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Now choose three of these words to write into sentences.

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# Answers

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## Task 1: Circle the adverbs of time in these sentences.

a) My mum said we would be leaving **soon**.

b) **Yesterday**, we went for a walk in the woods.

c) My sister is **constantly** asking my mum when she can have a puppy.

d) The school has a **monthly** subscription to a children's newspaper.



## Task 2: Complete the sentences with the words in the boxes below.

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a) The prisoners had **hourly** checks to make sure that they were behaving.

b) My brother is **always** late so his friends tell him the wrong time to help his time-keeping!

c) The safari guide said that unfortunately they **rarely** saw elephants in this part of the national park.

d) Our parents **eventually** told us where we were going for our treat after we spent the day begging to know.

e) "Go to the head teacher's office **now**!" demanded the angry teacher.

f) It is my birthday **tomorrow** and I am so excited that I can't get to sleep!



**Task 3: Complete the sentences with an appropriate adverb of time which shows when the action took place.**

a) My best friend will arrive by aeroplane tomorrow.



b) My brother hasn't bought by dad's birthday present yet.

c) I cleaned the whole house yesterday because my family were coming to stay.

d) June had to go out for a bit but she will be back later.

**Task 4: Sort the adverbs and adverbials of time into the correct columns.**

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|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| yesterday   | most of the evening | often                 |
| now         | since last night    | regularly             |
| today       | for weeks           | normally              |
| tonight     | all day             | sometimes             |
| last month  | for a year          | nightly               |

Now choose three of these words to write into sentences.

(Answers may vary – children to write sentences including these words.)

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