

ADVERBS OF TIME

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Adverbs of time answer the questions

How long?

How often?

When?



Here you have a list of some of them:

already	annually	before	constantly
daily	early	earlier	finally
first	just	late	later
monthly	now	since	soon
then	today	tomorrow	tonight
yesterday	yet	weekly	yearly
all day	not long	for a while	since last year
always	ever	generally	occasionally
rarely	seldom	usually	never

Many adverbs of time are also adverbs of frequency

STRUCTURE

My mother lived in France **for a year**. ✓

For a year my mother lived in France. ✗

Adverbs that indicate **how long** something happens are placed at the end of the sentence.

I **often** eat fish. ✓

I eat **often** fish. ✗

I am **never** late. ✓

I **never** am late. ✗

Generally, adverbs that indicate how often an action takes place are placed before the main verb but after the auxiliary verbs (such as be, have, may, must). The only exception occurs when the main verb is "to be": in this case, the adverb is placed after the verb.

I studied Spanish **yesterday**. ✓

Yesterday, I studied Spanish. ✓

I studied **yesterday** Spanish. ✗

Adverbs that express when the action occurs are usually placed at the end of the sentence. Some may also be placed at the beginning of the sentence, **to emphasize the adverb**.

When you need to use several adverbs in the same sentence, the order is:

1. How long

2. How often

3. When

Put the adverbs in the correct order:

1. every other day, four years ago, for one month

I worked for that company _____.

2. for two months, a decade ago

I was abroad _____.

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