

1 CONFUSING ADVERBS AND ADVERBIAL PHRASES

a Match each pair of adverbs with a pair of sentences. Then decide which adverb goes where and write it in the adverb column.

at the <u>moment</u> / <u>actually</u>	in the end / at the end
especially / <u>specially</u>	late / <u>lately</u>
ever / <u>even</u>	near / <u>nearly</u>
1 hard / <u>hardly</u>	still / yet

- 1 He trains very hard – at least three hours a day.
It's incredibly foggy. I can hardly see anything.
- 2 I hate it when people arrive late for meetings.
I haven't heard from Mike yet. He must be very busy.
- 3 Even of a film I always stay and watch the credits roll.
I didn't want to go, but ever they persuaded me.
- 4 I love most kinds of music, but especially jazz.
My wedding dress was actually made for me by a dressmaker.
- 5 She looks younger than me, but still she's two years older.
Even they're renting a flat, but they're hoping to buy one soon.
- 6 I've hardly finished my book. I'm on the last chapter.
Excuse me, is there a bank near here?
- 7 Have you found a job recently?
He's 35, but he even lives with his parents.
- 8 Have you ever been to the USA?
I've been all over the USA – I've even been to Alaska!

Adverbs

hard
hardly



b Listen and check.

2 COMMENT ADVERBS

a Read the sentences. Then match the **bold** adverbs with definitions 1–8.

I thought the job was going to be difficult, but **in fact** it's quite easy.

1 ideally

in a perfect world

It took us over five hours to get there, but **eventually** we were able to relax /'iventʃuəli/.

2 ideally

the truth is; actually (used to emphasize something, especially the opposite of what was previously said)

Ideally we would go to Australia if we could afford it /a'rdi:əli/.

3 ideally

in the most important ways

Basically it's quite a simple idea /'beisikli/.

4 ideally

clearly (used to give information you expect other people to know or agree with)

I thought they'd broken up, but **apparently** they're back together again /ə'pærəntli/.

5 ideally

little by little

...so you can see it was a really awful weekend. **Anyway**, let's forget about it and talk about something else /əniweɪ/.

6 ideally

according to what you have heard or read in any case (used to change or finish a conversation)

She's only 14, so **obviously** she can't stay at home on her own /'obviasli/...

7 ideally

in the end; after a series of events or difficulties

She's been ill for weeks, but **gradually** she's beginning to feel better /'grædʒuəli/.

8 ideally

b Listen and check.