

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 moment / actually	in the end / at the end
especially / specially	late / late ly
ever / even	near / nearly
1 hard / hardly	still / yet

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

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

Ideally we would go to Australia if we could afford it /aɪ'di:əli/.

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

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

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

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

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

- ideally in a perfect world
- the truth is; actually (used to emphasize something, especially the opposite of what was previously said)
- in the most important ways
- clearly (used to give information you expect other people to know or agree with)
- little by little
- according to what you have heard or read
- in any case (used to change or finish a conversation)
- in the end; after a series of events or difficulties

- b Listen and check.