

Adverbs and adverbial phrases

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.

☐ right now / actually
☐ especially / specially
☐ ever / even
☒ hard / hardly

☐ in the end / at the end
☐ late / lately
☐ near / nearly
☐ still / yet

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

Adverbs

hard

hardly

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 very easy /in fækt/.

It took us over five hours to get there, but **eventually** we were able to relax /t'ventʃəli/.

Ideally we would go to Australia if we could afford it. /aɪ'diəli/

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

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

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

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

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

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