

# Comment adverbs and adverbial phrases.

Comment Adverb ... sentence

Sentence ... comment Adverb

1. Comment adverbs give the speaker's opinion.

**Personally, I don't think this is a good idea.**

2. Some adverbs can be used as both comment adverbs and as adverbs of manner.

**Frankly, she is not keen on horror films. She spoke frankly about her family problems.**

3. We usually put comment adverbs at the start of the sentence, although they can go with the verb.

**Foolishly, Ted left his driving license at home. Ted foolishly left his driving license at home.**

## 1) Choose two correct answers for each of the following sentences.

1. \_\_\_\_\_, I'll pass my driving test before my eighteenth birthday.

- a) Luckily    b) Ideally    c) Hopefully    d) Foolishly

2. \_\_\_\_\_, he offered to pay for the meal.

- a) Ideally    b) To my surprise    c) Luckily    d) Frankly

3. \_\_\_\_\_, I'll get this job. I've had enough of being unemployed.

- a) Not surprisingly    b) Ideally    c) Luckily    d) Hopefully

4. \_\_\_\_\_, Ann accepted a ride in a stranger's car.

- a) Stupidly    b) Frankly    c) Foolishly    d) Ideally

5. John's been feeling sick all day, so \_\_\_\_\_, he won't be going to the gym tonight.

- a) obviously    b) to my surprise    c) fortunately    d) not surprisingly

6. \_\_\_\_\_, his son doesn't disagree with him, so they have come to an agreement.

- a) Stupidly    b) Fortunately    c) Personally    d) Not surprisingly

7. \_\_\_\_\_, we've got a new teacher.

- a) Apparently    b) To be honest    c) Fortunately    d) Foolishly

## 2) Complete the text with comment adverbs given in the box. Two are extra.

to be honest / luckily  
obviously / foolishly /  
apparently / ideally  
/unfortunately /

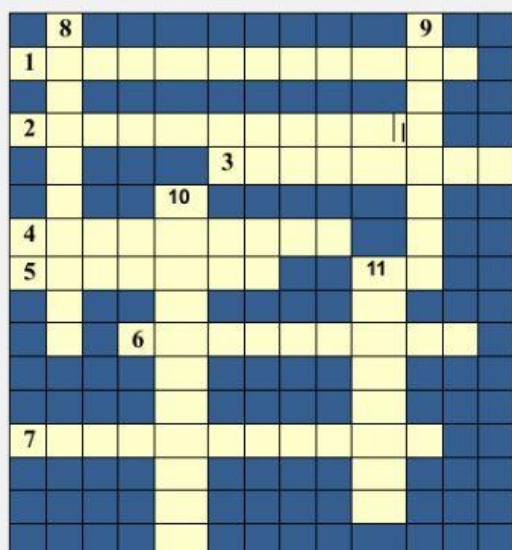
1 \_\_\_\_\_, my sister had told my friends what to buy for my birthday.

2 \_\_\_\_\_, it wasn't what I wanted.

3 \_\_\_\_\_, I didn't say anything to my friends. 4 \_\_\_\_\_, they didn't realise how disappointed I was.

5 \_\_\_\_\_, I've never mentioned it since.

## 3) Read the clues and complete the crossword with the appropriate comment adverbs.



## Across

1. Sam fell off the bike, but \_\_\_\_\_ he didn't break his leg.

2. Mark \_\_\_\_\_ didn't realize his mistake until Ann opened the present on her birthday.

3. \_\_\_\_\_, I don't care what people think.

4. To my \_\_\_\_\_, I didn't fail my exams.

5. To be \_\_\_\_\_, I'm not keen on this kind of food.

6. \_\_\_\_\_, I agreed to lend him money.

7. \_\_\_\_\_, it was the only thing that frightened him.

## Down

8. \_\_\_\_\_, I didn't write the phone number down.

9. Someone stole my wallet last night. \_\_\_\_\_, there wasn't much money in it.

10. \_\_\_\_\_, I don't believe in ghosts.

11. \_\_\_\_\_, we would like to start at the beginning.