

3B GRAMMAR the position of adverbs and adverbial phrases

a Put the adverbs in parentheses in the best place in the conversation.

Gary So, what did you think of the game? brilliantly tonight
Craig ¹Even though they lost, I think the Bulls played again / (brilliantly / tonight)
John ²Craig, do you mean that? (really) I thought they were awful. (absolutely)
Craig ³I suppose you think the Clippers played. (well)
John ⁴No, I don't. The Clippers play these days. (unfortunately / never / well) But they deserved to win.
Craig ⁵But you must admit that they were lucky. (incredibly)
Gary ⁶Craig, do you have anything good to say about the Clippers? (ever)
John ⁷They were lucky in the second quarter. (to be honest / very)
Craig ⁸Come on, John, the Clippers were lucky in both the first and second quarters! (extremely)
Gary ⁹I thought both teams played (personally / badly), but at the end of the day, Craig, I'd say the Clippers were better in the second half. (a little bit / especially)
John ¹⁰Well, they are playing the Celtics in Boston, so let's see how they do. (next / there)



b Complete the conversation with the correct adverbs from the list.

absolutely actually always angrily a little badly earlier that day here
in half an hour incredibly naturally obviously quickly slowly well



Director Jason, that was ¹absolutely marvellous, but you've got to get to the center of the stage.
Jason But I have to wait for Tanya to finish her line and she's doing it too ²_____.
Tanya Well, I could try saying it more ³_____ if you want me to.
Director Yes, could you? Now, Jason, remember, when Tanya tells you she's going to marry Henry, you know about it, because you heard them talking in the garden ⁴_____, so you aren't at all surprised.
Jason Well, ⁵_____ I know about it, but I thought maybe I should pretend at first that I didn't know.
Director No, we want to see your emotion! You reacted very calmly, but ⁶_____ you're not a calm person at all. I want you to react ⁷_____, OK? Now the next scene. Sally, you were great. But, when you've finished reading Tanya's letter, when you're on the last couple of lines, pause ⁸_____ and look up at the audience. Let them feel how ⁹_____ you've been treated by her.
Sally Do you want me to cry? I am ¹⁰_____ good at crying.
Director Not ¹¹_____, not in this scene. Look out at the audience.
Tanya Can I just ask why you ¹²_____ ask me to play horrible characters?
Director Because you do it so ¹³_____, darling. It just comes ¹⁴_____ to you. Right everyone, take a break and come back ¹⁵_____.

ACTIVATION

Write five sentences using the adverbs. Then compare your ideas with a partner.

brilliantly fortunately gradually incredibly sadly