

Adverbs and adverbial phrases VOCABULARY BANK

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 **Adverbs** column.

at the moment / actually
especially / specially
ever / even

1 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 film, 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 flat, but they're hoping to buy one soon.
- 6 I've _____ finished 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 USA?
I've been all over the USA – I've _____ been to Alaska!

Adverbs

hard
hardly



b 3.16 Listen and check.

ACTIVATION Cover the **Adverbs** column and look at sentences 1–8. Say the adverbs.

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. /ɪn 'fækt/
- It took us over five hours to get there, but **eventually** we were able to relax. /ɪ'ventʃʊəli/
- Ideally**, we'd 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/
- I'm **certainly** never going back to that restaurant. It was awful! /sə'teɪnli/
- 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. /grædʒʊəli/

- 1 _____ in a perfect world
- 2 **in fact** the truth is; actually (used to emphasize something, especially the opposite of what was previously said)
- 3 _____ in the main and most important way
- 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 _____ without doubt
- 8 _____ in the end; after a series of events or difficulties

b 3.17 Listen and check.

ACTIVATION Cover the definitions and look at the sentences. Say what the adverbs mean.

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- 1 He walks very **slowly**.
I speak five languages **fluently**.
The driver was **seriously** injured in the accident.
- 2 I **hardly ever** have time for breakfast.
Liam's **always** late for work.
I would **never** have thought you were 40.
- 3 It rained **all day yesterday**.
My parents'll be **here in half an hour**.



- 4 I've **nearly** finished.
We're **incredibly** tired.
My husband works **a lot**, but he doesn't earn **much**.
- 5 **Unfortunately**, the parcel never arrived.
Ideally, we should leave here at 10.00.

a Underline the adverbs or adverbial phrases in each sentence. Correct the word order if it's wrong.

We're going to be unfortunately late. X

Unfortunately, we're going to be late.

He can speak German fluently. ✓

- 1 She liked a lot the present.
- 2 Mark came last night very late home.
- 3 The ambulance arrived at the scene of the accident after a few minutes.
- 4 A young man was hurt badly and was taken to hospital.
- 5 I was incredibly tired last night.
- 6 She's lazy a bit about doing her homework.
- 7 I forgot your birthday almost, but my sister fortunately reminded me.
- 8 We luckily had taken an umbrella, because it started to rain straight away.
- 9 Mary doesn't always eat healthily – she often has snacks between meals.
- 10 John has been apparently sacked.

b Put the adverbs in brackets in the normal position in these sentences.

seriously

I'm ~~considering~~ resigning from my job. (seriously)

- 1 Their house was damaged in the fire. (badly, last week)
- 2 Ben is at his friend's house. (often, in the evening)
- 3 My father has a nap. (usually, in the afternoon)
- 4 Julia left and she didn't say goodbye. (early, even)
- 5 Martin eats quickly. (always, incredibly)
- 6 His brother died in a skiing accident. (apparently, nearly)
- 7 We're going to the cinema. (probably, tonight)
- 8 I send emails. (rarely, nowadays)
- 9 I've bought a beautiful new coat. (just, really)
- 10 Karen realized that she was going to learn to drive. (eventually, never)

