

Sentence adverbs

To express the speaker's attitude about the entire sentence, sentence adverbs are most often located at the beginning of the sentence and set off by a comma.

Predictably, the hero of the movie won the heart of the girl.

Sentence adverbs can be used in place of longer clauses that modify a sentence.

People were amazed that the movie sold 26 million tickets on its opening weekend.

Amazingly, the movie sold 26 million tickets on its opening weekend.

Nobody was surprised that the sequel was also extremely popular.

Not surprisingly, the sequel was also extremely popular.

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accordingly consequently hence indeed meanwhile otherwise thus

The coming attractions ended and the movie began; **accordingly**, the audience fell silent.

1 Rewrite the sentences using sentence adverbs to replace the boldfaced words.

1. **It's apparent to me that** movies with clichéd storylines are still very popular.

Apparently, movies with clichéd storylines are still very popular.

2. **It's fortunate that** there were good movies available on the 13-hour plane ride.

3. **I'm being honest when I say that** I just don't care for love stories, no matter how moving they may be.

4. **Nobody can question the fact that** many historical movies present an incorrect view of history.

5. **It was bad luck that** Carol's computer froze while she was streaming that movie.

6. **In essence**, that movie is a tale of good versus evil.

7. **If it fulfills its potential**, the Internet could be the first place all new movies are shown.

8. **It's obvious to me that** you are only pretending to have seen the movie.

9. **I'm being serious when I say that** if a movie is based on a book, always read the book first.

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2 Complete the sentences with a conjunctive adverb from the grammar box.

Sometimes more than one answer is possible.

1. A growing number of students are watching the movie rather than reading the assigned book. Consequently, there has been a decrease in the reading skills of graduating seniors.
2. At the Mainstreet Theater, you sit in front of a table to watch the movie. _____, you are served by waiters who take your order and walk between the rows.
3. Moviegoers are prohibited from texting and talking during the movie; _____, anyone who violates that policy will be asked to leave.
4. The most popular movie stars demand extremely high salaries; _____ the cost of producing movies with "big names" has risen.
5. It's recommended that you buy tickets in advance; _____, you might not get a seat.

