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## A really good ending?

Wanting to meet a writer because you like their books is like wanting to meet a duck because you like paté.  
Margaret Atwood, Canadian author

G the position of adverbs and adverbial phrases V adverbs and adverbial phrases P word stress and intonation

### 1 GRAMMAR the position of adverbs and adverbial phrases

a Circle the adverb or adverbial phrase that is different.

- 1 time all day indoors soon tonight
- 2 place here in fact in the park outside
- 3 manner absolutely fluently rudely slowly
- 4 degree a bit almost hard very
- 5 comment clearly fortunately obviously sometimes
- 6 frequency always hardly ever normally straight away

b Re-order the words to make sentences. Put the adverb in its usual position.

- 1 I / umbrella / an / had / luckily / taken  
Luckily, I had taken an umbrella.
- 2 ill / hardly ever / daughter / is / my  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 parents / next year / are / his / retiring  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 boy / rude / teacher / was / to / the / extremely / his  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 dresses / my / stylishly / very / sister  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 is / James / apparently / divorced / getting  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 were / would / you / never / thought / I / have / 30  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8 bandaged / was / by a nurse / his ankle / carefully  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 9 be / in five minutes / I'll / there  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 10 go / much / the / to / later / in / I / summer / bed  
\_\_\_\_\_

c In each sentence one of the highlighted adverbs or adverbial phrases is in the wrong position. Rewrite the sentences.

- 1 He usually immediately gets up when his alarm rings.  
He usually gets up immediately when his alarm rings.
- 2 Although she studies a lot, she goes rarely to the library.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 I crashed my new car unfortunately last week.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Ideally, we should leave tomorrow early.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 I can understand a word hardly when people speak English quickly.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 Kevin nearly forgot yesterday his doctor's appointment.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 She's angry incredibly because her husband came home late last night.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8 It surprisingly didn't rain at all while we were in London.  
\_\_\_\_\_



### 2 VOCABULARY adverbs and adverbial phrases

a Circle the correct word.



- 1 Ellie ate all her lunch, ever / even the vegetables!
- 2 I haven't seen Harry late / lately, have you?
- 3 I can't stand most TV programmes, specially / especially reality shows.
- 4 Dave near / nearly crashed his car, but he braked just in time.
- 5 Please don't tell me what happens, because I haven't read the book still / yet.

b Complete the sentences with an adverb from the list that matches the definition in brackets.

apparently basically certainly eventually gradually ideally in fact obviously

- 1 Basically (the main reason is), we haven't got enough money to buy our own flat.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ (in a perfect world), we'd each have our own room in the flat, but that isn't possible.
- 3 That's \_\_\_\_\_ (without a doubt) the best lobster that I've ever eaten – it was delicious!
- 4 My sister is \_\_\_\_\_ (little by little) building a new life for herself after her divorce.
- 5 If you keep applying for jobs, you'll find one \_\_\_\_\_ (in the end).
- 6 I thought the meal was going to be expensive, but \_\_\_\_\_ (the truth is) it was quite reasonable.
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ (clearly), her son will move out when he gets a job, but for now he's living with her.
- 8 \_\_\_\_\_ (according to what I've heard), a lot of flights have been cancelled because of the cabin crew strike.

c Complete the stories with the adverbs from the lists.