

PRACTICE 17.2M Identifying Modifiers That Help Clarify Tense

Read each sentence. Then, write the modifier in each sentence that helps clarify the verb tense.

EXAMPLE: Suddenly, the balloon burst.

ANSWER: Suddenly

1. The clothes sometimes shrink in the dryer.
2. All at once, the computer and printers shut down.
3. He always brings all of his books to class.
4. One at a time, the pitcher threw the balls high and outside.
5. Steve drives me home once a week.
6. He never wants to walk home in the rain.
7. Frequently, we pay our bills early.
8. Quickly, I laid the dimes on the table.
9. I always see the same television commercials.
10. We sometimes see the sunrise over the mountains.

PRACTICE 17.2N Supplying Modifiers to Clarify Meaning.

Read each sentence. Then, fill the blank in each sentence with a modifier that will clarify the meaning of the sentence.

EXAMPLE: _____, the writer worked on the revisions.

ANSWER: Recently, the writer worked on the revisions

1. The musicians will _____ perform an audience.
2. _____, our flight from Chicago arrived.
3. My grandfather _____ works on the Sunday crossword puzzle.
4. _____, a news station crew arrived.
5. Our neighbors will be moving away _____.
6. I returned the call _____.
7. He is _____ polite.
8. The guests arrived _____.
9. _____, we finished out work.
10. Eliana can _____ answer the teacher's questions.