

Adverbials and prepositions

Prepositions and adverbs

About

Near

Up

Above

In

Down

Below

Outside

Off

Adverbials and prepositions.

What are adverbials?

A word or phrase that is used, like an adverb, to modify a verb or clause or give us more information about how/when/where/how often something was done.

REMEMBER:

How something was done? (Quickly/suddenly/quietly/excitedly/hopefully etc.)

When something was done? (yesterday/today/at noon/the other day etc.)

Where something was done? (inside/outside/in the garden/in the field/on the fence/under the bed etc.)

How often something was done?(everyday/sometimes/often/often etc.)

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Adverbs can act as adverbials. Can you think of any?

But so can preposition phrases and subordinate clauses.

What is a prepositional phrase?

A phrase made up of a **preposition and a noun**. A preposition shows the relationship between nearby words i.e. **near, behind, through, in, from, to, on** etc. or in other words the **POSITION of something**.

Prepositions often describe **locations or directions**, but can describe other things such as relations of time.

Examples:

He'll be back from Privet Drive in two weeks.

Harry waved goodbye to Ron and Hermione.

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Tricky repositionational phrases:

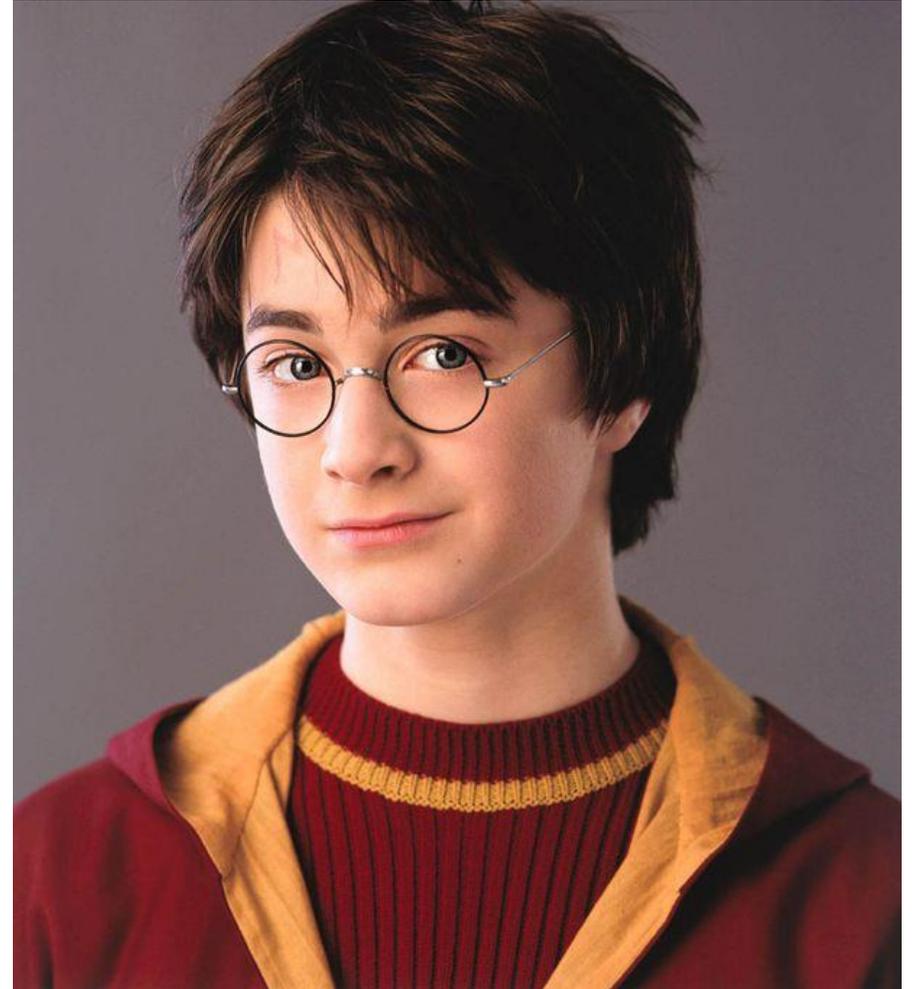
Examples:

Harry lay in bed.

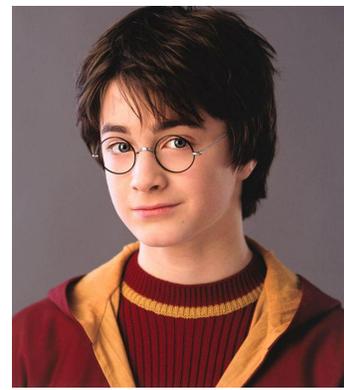
Until recently, he thought he was a normal boy.

We met them after the Dark Arts class.

Hagrid was always ready for food.



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MAIN TASK:

Underline the adverbs or preposition phrases that modify the verb on the attached sheet, telling us when, how or why something happened or was done. The numbers tell you how many there are!

If you're not sure, leave it, move onto the next one and have a look at the answers at the end.

It can get a bit confusing so don't worry!

In general:

Adverbials – **How** something was done

- **When** something was done

- **Where** something was done

- **How often** something was done

Prepositions: the **position** of someone/something

Fronted Adverbials

Fronted Adverbials are words or phrases at the beginning of a sentence which are used to describe the action that follows.

Time	Frequency	Place	Manner	Possibility
Afterwards, Already, Always, Immediately, Last month, Now, Soon, Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, Next year, In January, On Tuesday, In the morning, After a while, As soon as she could, Before long, All of a sudden, In the blink of an eye, Just then, Eventually, Later,	Often, Again, Daily, Weekly, Fortnightly, Yearly, Sometimes, Rarely, Every second, Twice a year, Once a minute, Once, Once or twice, Three times, Constantly, Regularly, Frequently, Infrequently, Occasionally, Rarely, Never in my life, Never before,	Above the clouds, Below the sea, Here, Outside, Over there, There, Under the ground, Upstairs, In the distance, Between the sea and the sky, Everywhere she looked, Around the tent, Back at the house, Nearby, Down by the cliffs, Behind the shed, In the wooden box, Over my bed, Somewhere near here, Far away, Wherever they went, North of here,	Sadly, Slowly, Happily, Awkwardly, Bravely, Like a ... , As quick as a flash, As fast as he could, Without a sound, Without warning, Unexpectedly, Unfortunately, Suddenly, Mysteriously, Frantically, Anxiously, Courageously, Silently, Curiously, Nervously, Rapidly, Carefully,	Almost unbelievably, Much admired, Nearly asleep, Quite understandably, Really happily, Perhaps, Maybe, Just arrived, Certainly amused, Obviously angry, Definitely confused, Completely exhausted, Barely alive, Out of breath, Decidedly unimpressed, Perfectly confident, Positively trembling with excitement, Purely practically, Somewhat flustered, Utterly joyous, Totally overwhelmed,





Prepositions of Place

above
across
against
along
among
around
behind
below

beneath
beside
between
beyond
by
in
in front of
inside

near
next to
on
on top of
outside
over
under
underneath

Useful websites for more learning activities:

Adverbs

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/zgsgxfr>

Prepositional phrases

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/zw38srd>

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