

# 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 little almost hard very
- 5 **comment** clearly fortunately obviously sometimes
- 6 **frequency** always hardly ever usually right 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 sick / 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 / Omar / 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 Hiro almost 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 Tyler *late* / *lately*, have you?
- 3 I can't stand most TV shows, *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*.
- 6 I'm not going to Sam's party. I *hard* / *hardly* know him! He's your friend, not mine.
- 7 Do you *ever* / *even* wear jeans to work?
- 8 My grandparents don't live *near* / *nearly* here; they live about 30 miles away.
- 9 My father worked very *hard* / *hardly* all his life.
- 10 Alan's feet are so big that his shoes are *especially* / *specially* made for him.
- 11 My cousin is a doctor, and *right now* / *actually* she's working in Africa.
- 12 I can't wait to find out what happens *at the end* / *in the end* of this book.
- 13 I missed my bus because I got up *late* / *lately*.
- 14 We were thinking of going to the movies, but *at the end* / *in the end* we just went out for some coffee.
- 15 I thought the movie was going to be boring, but *actually* / *right now* I really enjoyed it.
- 16 I didn't finish the exam – I was *still* / *yet* writing when the teacher told us to stop.

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 don't have enough money to buy our own house.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ (in a perfect world), we'd each have our own room in the house, 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 very 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 canceled because of the bad weather.

c Complete the stories with the correct adverbs from the lists.

### HOODLUMS

aggressively hardly ever luckily now

The young men walked <sup>1</sup> aggressively through the crowded shopping mall. They had their target in their sights and wouldn't stop until they had done what they had set out to do.

<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ she felt scared.

She ran from the hooded gang, stopped, and was cornered.

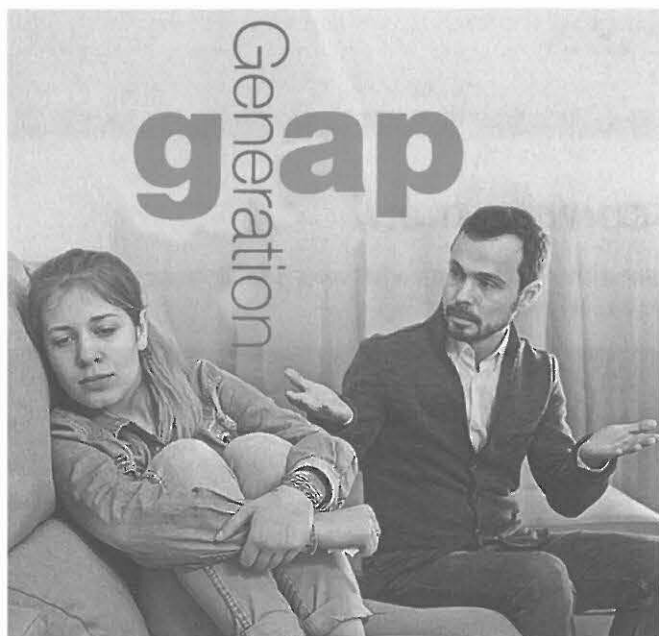
"Miss, you forgot your handbag."

### Revenge is sweet

all day bitterly suddenly very

They had been arguing <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the night before. He had come in from the garage with oil on his shoes. Fed up, desperate, she hit him. Horrified by what she had done, she drove away from the house along the mountain road.

<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, she realized that the brakes weren't working.



always angrily extremely unfortunately

He was worried. <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, since his wife's death, his teenage daughter had become <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ difficult. They had agreed 2:00 a.m. as the latest return time from clubs. Now it was 3:30. He prepared himself for confrontation as the door opened. "Dad," she shouted <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. "I've been frantic. You're late again."



actually last week normally slightly

**Stage one:** Feel fat. Go on diet. Lose weight. Feel fabulous. Buy new clothes.

**Stage two:** Eat <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ but controlling intake. Look fabulous. New clothes <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ tight.

**Stage three:** Eat and drink normally (potatoes, bread, dessert, and soda). New clothes don't fit. Old clothes thrown away.

Back to stage one.

- d Choose six adverbs or adverbial phrases from the list and write sentences that are true for you.

a lot apparently fluently here ideally incredibly slowly sometimes tonight usually

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_

### 3 PRONUNCIATION word stress and intonation

- a Underline the stressed syllable in the adverbs in the list. Then put them in the correct column.

absolutely actually apparently basically definitely  
eventually especially fortunately gradually ideally  
incredibly luckily obviously unfortunately

Stress on first syllable	Stress on second syllable
<i>absolutely</i>	

- b 3.3 Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the adverbs.

- c 3.4 Listen and complete the sentences.

- 1 I absolutely love Japanese food, especially sushi.
- 2 I thought Brad was single, but \_\_\_\_\_ he's \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 We paid a lot for the tickets, but \_\_\_\_\_, the play was \_\_\_\_\_ boring.
- 4 That movie is \_\_\_\_\_ – even my husband cried at the end!
- 5 I \_\_\_\_\_ want to change my job, \_\_\_\_\_ for something better paid.
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_, Tina has been downsized, so she's moving back in with her \_\_\_\_\_.

- d 3.4 Listen again and repeat the sentences. Copy the stress and intonation of the adverbs.