

Revision Card – Adverbials

Adverbials

Adverbials tell us more about a verb.

Adverbials can be

a word,

a phrase,

or a clause.

hurriedly

between the cracks

after the noise ended

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Little Mouse sobbed.

Little Mouse sobbed with little squeaks.

Little Mouse sobbed in the corner.

During the night, Little Mouse sobbed.



In each sentence, the verb is modified by the adverbial.

Adverbials can be placed before or after the main clause.

from behind the door

Little Mouse squeaked

Little Mouse squeaked

from behind the door

from behind the door

Little Mouse squeaked

with horror

Choose an adverbial and try saying it before and after the main clause.
We can even put an adverbial at the beginning and the end.

Fronted Adverbials

When an adverbial appears in front of the sentence it is modifying...
it is called a fronted adverbial.

During the storm, Little Mouse cowered in the corner.

With cruel eyes, the spider smiled.

Eventually, Little Mouse calmed down.

After screaming failed, Little Mouse decided to ask the spider politely to leave.

Fronted adverbials are punctuated by a comma.

Little Mouse Adverbials

1. Read these sentences.
2. Underline the verb.
3. Highlight the adverbial.
4. Write what question the adverbial answers – When, Where or How

The first has been done for you.

1. Little Mouse shivered **near the cobwebs.** WHERE
2. At night, he peered under the bed.
3. With great care, he avoided sharp knives around the house.
4. Little Mouse hid in the cupboard.
5. When he was out shopping, Little Mouse avoided knife shops.
6. Cautiously, he turned the taps on.
7. Clutching a map, Little Mouse went to the park.
8. When he heard the loud noise, Little Mouse shot across the room like a rocket.
9. Little Mouse switched his nightlight on straight after tea.
10. Using his binoculars, he checked for birds before heading into the garden.

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