

Adverbials



Verbs

Verbs indicate that someone or something is
doing, feeling or being.

The tide **creeps** up the sand.

The shadows **cross** the land.

The dew **dries** on the dock.

The green moss **spreads!**



Usually **verbs** have the name of a person or thing or a pronoun in front of them.

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Adverbials tell us more about a **verb**.

Adverbials can be

a word,

a phrase,

or a clause.



slowly

at a snail's pace

while the whole world slept

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Adverbials tell us more about a **verb**.

The snail **slid**.

The snail **slid** **with no hurry**.

The snail **slid** **across the leaf**.

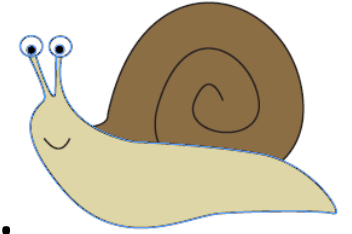
The snail **slid** **silently**.



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



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Adverbials can be in different places in a sentence.

The snail **slid**.

The snail **slid**.

The snail **slid with no hurry**.

With no hurry, the snail **slid**.

The snail **slid across the leaf**.

Across the leaf, the snail **slid**.

The snail **slid silently**.

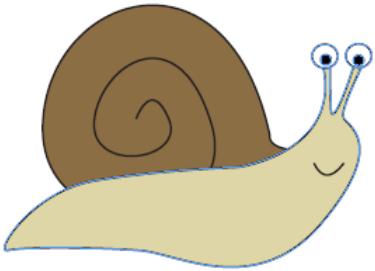
Silently, the snail **slid**.

When it is at the start of a sentence, the **adverbial** is called a **fronted adverbial**.

Punctuating Fronted Adverbials

Fronted adverbials are separated from the main part of the sentence by a **comma**.

With steady determination, the snail slid.



Try saying the whole sentence
with and without a pause.

The comma tells the listener that the main information is coming.
This is great for building tension.



Punctuating Fronted Adverbials



*Spot the **fronted adverbial** in each sentence.
Decide where the **comma** should go.*

In the brown water, a fish lay quietly dozing.

High in the blue above, birds were singing.

At the edge of the tide, the waves broke.

Whenever the moon and stars are set, the badgers venture out.

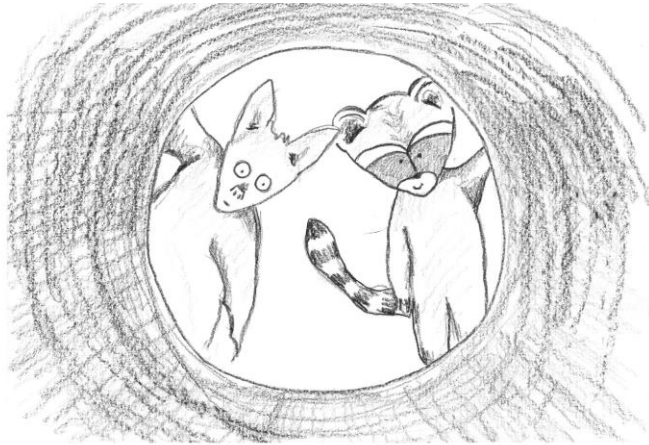
Whenever the wind is high, the leaves rattle and fall.



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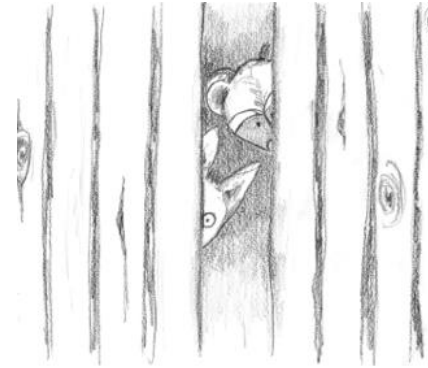
Adverbials answer the questions...



Where?

When?

How?





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Where?

The sun **sheds** its light.

From high in the sky, the sun **sheds** its light.

Over the cold earth, the sun **sheds** its light.

Into the darkness, the sun **sheds** its light.

Adverbials can answer the question: *Where?*





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When?

The sun **shed** its light.

When the world was cold, the sun **shed** its light.

Before the snow melted, the sun **shed** its light.

Right at that moment, the sun **shed** its light.

Adverbials can answer the question: *When?*





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How?

The sun **shed** its light.

Brightly, the sun **shed** its light.

With warmth and colour, the sun **shed** its light.

Like an old friend returning, the sun **shed** its light.



Adverbials can answer the question: *How?*



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Adverbials often open with a **preposition**.

With a ghostly appearance, the moon rose.

Through the cold air, the moon rose.

In the winter sky, the moon rose.



Thinking of a **preposition** can help you to think of an **adverbial**.