

Adverb phrase

An **adverb phrase** is a group of two or more words that function as an adverb in a sentence. Just as an adverb can modify a verb, adjective or another adverb, an adverb phrase of more than one word can further describe a verb, adverb, or adjective.

Adverb phrases typically answer the questions **how**, **where**, **why** or **when** something was done.

EXAMPLES :

- You can come to the emergency room **any time of the day**.
- Our patient recovered **surprisingly well** from her severe infection.
- I can feel a lump **right beneath** the nipple.
- Come closer **to get a better look**.

Types and meaning:

An adverb phrase can consist of one adverb or an adverb plus other words before it (premodification) or after it (postmodification).

Adverb phrases have many different meanings.

In the examples below, the adverb phrases are in **bold**.

The other words that modify the adverb, if found, are underlined.

Type	Meaning	Example
Manner	⇒ How something happens	She held the newborn <u>very</u> carefully .
Place	⇒ Where something happens	Right here is where I feel the pain.
Time	⇒ When something happens	It was <u>too</u> late to save the baby.
Duration	⇒ How long something lasts	The pain killer will take away the pain temporarily .
Frequency	⇒ How often something happens	I <u>almost</u> never get sick.
Viewpoint	⇒ The speaker's perspective	I personally think you should be seeing a doctor.
Certainty	⇒ How necessary something is	A breast tumor is not necessarily malignant.