

## Adverbial phrases of frequency, time and place

### Use:

An adverbial phrase is a group of words which always go together. they describe where, when or how often something happens.

Adverbial phrases of frequency describe **how often** something happens.

*every morning, every afternoon*

*every day – daily*

*every week – weekly*

*every month – monthly*

*every year – annually*

*every Sunday – on Sundays – on Sunday afternoons*

*once a day*

*twice a day*

*three / four / five times a day*

*all the time*

### Form:

1) Adverbs of frequency often go in present simple sentences.

*I have toast for breakfast every day.*

*We visit our grandparents twice a month.*

2) Note that 'on Saturday' refers to one day. 'On Saturdays' means 'every Saturday'.

### Common mistakes

1) Some students write adverbs of frequency in the wrong place.

We every day go to the park.

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We go to the park every day.

2) Some students use the plural form with **every**.

John goes swimming every days.

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John goes swimming every day.

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### Use:

Use adverbs and adverbial phrases of time to talk about **when** you do something.

Adverbs of time include:

today, tomorrow, tonight, yesterday, tomorrow, nowadays

now, first of all, beforehand

soon, afterwards, later, next, then

### **Form:**

1) Adverbs of time usually go at the beginning or the end of a sentence or clause.

*Tomorrow, I'm going to the beach.*

*I'm going to the beach tomorrow.*

*First of all, we had a drink at a café.*

*We had a drink at a café first of all.*

*I'm going to the supermarket, and afterwards I'm going to the library.*

*I'm going to the supermarket, and I'm going to the library afterwards.*

2) It is more common to use **then** at the beginning of a sentence or clause.

*Then we arrived at the castle.*

*I'm going to finish my work and then I'm going to have a drink.*

It is more common to use **soon** and **now** at the end of a sentence.

*We're going on holiday soon.*

*I'm going home now.*

### **Common mistakes**

1) Don't use an adverb of time between the subject and the object of a sentence.

I went yesterday to the zoo.      =>      I went to the zoo yesterday. / Yesterday I went to the zoo.

I'm going now to the bank.      =>      I'm going to the bank now.

2) You must use a noun after **After** and **Before**. Otherwise, use **afterwards** or **beforehand**.

I'll be late to class tomorrow. I'm going to the doctors before.   =>   I'll be late to class tomorrow. I'm going to the doctors **beforehand**.

I'm going to my English class and I'm going to the bar after.      =>      I'm going to my English class and I'm going to the bar **afterwards**.

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### **Use:**

Use adverbs and adverbial phrases of **place** to talk about **where** something happens.

Adverbs of place include:

outside, inside, indoors, upstairs, downstairs

(over) here, (over) there

abroad, overseas

### **Form:**

1) Adverbs of place usually go after a verb.

*She lives abroad.*

*Let's go indoors.*

2) Adverbs of place can also go after the object of the sentence.

*Rachel works in the office upstairs.*

*Your bag is on the table over there.*

