

1) Read the Active grammar box and match the example sentences (1-4) with the rules (A-D).

1. The situation has really improved.
2. Luckily, doctors and surgeons can cure so many diseases now.
3. In the future, disease probably won't be such a big problem.
4. The number of cars on the roads is growing quickly.

2) Choose the correct underlined words.

Active grammar

To make an adverb we usually add *-ly* to the adjective.
quiet – quietly; clear – clearly

A Adverbs of manner modify verbs. They describe the way in which something happens.
She talked quietly.
e.g. sentence _____
These adverbs usually come before/after the main verb.

B Adverbs of frequency/probability describe how often something happens or how probable it is.
She usually comes to my house on Fridays.
e.g. sentence _____
These usually come before/after the main verb.

C Adverbs of degree make an adjective or a verb weaker or stronger. They may be used for emphasis.
I'm completely confused.
The temperature has slightly increased.
e.g. sentence _____

D Attitude adverbs may be used as discourse markers to describe your attitude.
Interestingly, she didn't phone back.
e.g. sentence _____
These usually come at the beginning/end of the sentence because they modify the whole sentence (or clause).

3) Match the adverbs in the box with their uses (1-6).

basically	fortunately	hopefully	obviously	personally	surprisingly
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1. when something good or lucky happens
2. when something is not as you would expect
3. when you say what you hope will happen
4. when you give your opinion
5. to emphasise the most important fact about something
6. when describing something you can understand easily

4) Match the words and phrases in **bold** in the texts with the definitions below.

problem 1

1. decide to do something important and risky, after thinking about it carefully
2. time off work with no salary
3. someone who does work without being paid
4. given a better job, usually with more money
5. no choice
6. feel sorry about something that has happened

problem 2

1. a relationship when the two people live very far apart
2. try to get or do something you want
3. a chance to do something that may never come again
4. have your first child
5. to have the best result
6. got the perfect job for her

Your life, your decisions

This week's problems

1

After leaving university, Linda got a well-paid job with a big city bank. She has now worked there for eight years and has been **promoted** twice. However, she isn't really happy in her work. She hates having to commute through the rush hour, doesn't enjoy office politics or the stress and long hours.

She has been considering quitting her job and going to work as a **volunteer** overseas. She would like to be doing a job where she is really making a difference to other people's lives. But should she **take the plunge**?

It depends what other responsibilities she has. If she doesn't have a family to support, then why not? You only live once.
Jack, UK

If she is so unhappy then I think she has **no real alternative**. She should leave – if she doesn't, she'll **regret** it.
Vikram, India

I think she has a number of different options. She could, for example, ask for a year's **unpaid leave** so that she could try out her new lifestyle and still come back to her job if it doesn't work out.
Chiara, Italy

2

Jack and his girlfriend Suzie have been together for six years. They were planning to get married and **start a family** in the near future, but Jack has just been offered a **once-in-a-lifetime opportunity** abroad. His employers want him to spend two years at the New York office. Suzie doesn't want to follow him to New York as she has just **landed her dream job** in London. Can they realistically maintain a **long distance relationship**? What should Jack do **for the best**?

If they want to make the relationship work long distance, then it's certainly possible. But maybe Jack secretly wants to put some distance between them. Is he ready for marriage?
Beata, Poland.

I don't think long distance relationships ever work. Maybe for a while at the beginning of a relationship, but not like this. If he wants to stay with Suzie, he shouldn't go.
Ana, Brazil

I don't see the problem. They can talk to each other every day if they want to – it's cheap enough now online. Flights aren't that expensive either, and presumably the salary will be good. Jack should **go for it**!
Katie, Ireland