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Introduction to the course

- ❖ It's important that we have the knowledge of Adverbs along with the knowledge of tenses and grammar topics. So, this time we have brought a special course for you all.
- ❖ In this course you will get mastery on Adverbs.
- ❖ Your spoken part will improve.
- ❖ Your written part will be rhetoric, after you have attended all the sessions of this course.

Adverbs of Time

What is an adverb of time?

Adverbs that change or qualify the meaning of a sentence by telling us when things happen are defined as adverbs of time.

An adverb of time is just what you might expect it to be – a word that describes when, for how long, or how often a certain action happened. You will notice that many adverbs of time are the same as adverbs of frequency. There is quite a bit of overlap between these two types of adverbs – so much so that some instructors choose to mention one or the other but not both.

Adverb of Time

Whenever you want to add an information of 'when' to a verb, the adverb of time will be your answer. So, we can say that an adverb of time shows the time or moment of doing a task. For example,

'I will go there tomorrow.'

So, if you ask me when I go? I will answer it by saying 'tomorrow'.

So, here, tomorrow is the adverb of time that provides an information regarding the time of the happening of an event.

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Adverbs of Frequency

Whenever you want to add an information regarding 'how often' to a verb, the adverb of frequency will be your answer. So, we can say that an adverb of the frequency shows the frequency with which the task has to be done. For example,

'I go for a walk daily.'

So, if you ask how often do I go for a walk? The answer will be 'daily'. So, here, 'daily' is the adverb of frequency that shows how often an event takes place.

These simple rules for adverbs of time will help you to use them the right way:



- ❖ Adverbs of time often work best when placed at the end of sentences. For example:
 - Robin Hood swindled the Sheriff of Nottingham *yesterday*.
 - I'm sick of living in chaos, so I'm going to clean my house *tomorrow*.

- ❖ You can change the position of an adverb of time to lend emphasis to a certain aspect of a sentence. For example:
 - *Later* Robin Hood stole the king's crown. (The time is the most important element here.)
 - Robin Hood *later* stole the king's crown. (This is a formal way to use the adverb *later*. Notice how the statement sounds like it belongs in a police report.)
 - Robin Hood stole the king's crown *later*. (This is a neutral, standard way to use the adverb *later*.)

- ❖ Adverbs of time describing for how long an action occurred usually work best at the end of a sentence. For example:
 - She stayed at her grandmother's house *all day*.
 - My father was up with heartburn *for hours*.

- ❖ Adverbs of time that express an exact number of times the action happens usually work best at the end of a sentence. For example:
 - The newspaper arrives *daily*.
 - They go out to dinner *weekly*.
 - Our family goes on an outing *monthly*.

- ❖ When using more than one adverb of time in a sentence, use them in the following order:
 - 1. How long
 - 2. How often
 - 3. When

For example:

- She volunteered at the hospital (1) *for three days* (2) *every month* (3) *last year*.

Examples of Adverbs of Time

Each sentence contains an example of an adverb of time; the examples are italicized for easy identification.

Are you coming to work *tomorrow*?

I'd like to go to the movies *later*.

Jim was so sick he spent *four weeks* in the hospital.

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