

Adverbial Phrases in Nonfiction

Adverbs are words that modify or describe verbs or action words.

They tell how, when, or where something happened.

Adverbial phrases are two or more words that function as an adverb.

He worked at the hospital daily.

The underlined word is an **adverb** that shows when or how often.

Before the year ended, he had saved over a hundred lives.

The underlined words make an **adverbial phrase** that shows when.

Part 1: Identify and underline the adverb or adverbial phrase in each sentence. Determine whether the adverbial phrase indicates when (time—T), where (place—P), or how (manner—M).

1. It is a very important holiday in modern China. P
2. He performed the tasks without care. _____
3. The parade coursed around the town square. _____
4. The world's biggest trees, sequoias, can be found in three groves at Yosemite. _____
5. We need to replenish, or replace, water each day. _____
6. When this happens, our bodies stop working properly. _____
7. In 1905, she published her first book. _____

Part 2: Choose an adverb or adverbial phrase to complete each sentence.

Adverb/Adverbial Phrase Bank

in its natural setting

Before the battle

in the late 1800s

once a month

in rivers

1. He visited Yosemite _____ to gather information.
2. _____, the British controlled most of South Carolina.
3. Basketball is a team sport that was invented _____.
4. It is not easy to observe the colossal squid _____.
5. Amazon river dolphins make their homes _____.