

Discovering Details

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.

Adverbs and adverbial phrases help give readers details in nonfiction texts.

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.

Directions: Read the nonfiction excerpt. Highlight the adverbial phrases in the text, and complete the web with details from the text that support the main idea.

John Muir was born in Scotland, where at a young age he began to take an interest in nature and the outdoors. In 1849, his family immigrated to the United States, settling in Wisconsin. He attended the University of Wisconsin, where he took classes on botany and geology. In 1864, he went to Canada and spent the summer exploring the wilderness there. When he came back, he took a job in a factory. While working at the factory, he had an accident that caused him to lose his sight for many weeks. When he got his vision back, he swore he would never again take his life for granted. He vowed to spend the rest of his life doing what he loved: being in nature. To start, he decided to take a walk—a long one. He walked from Indiana to Florida, collecting and studying the plants he found along the way. He didn't stay in Florida long. He soon decided it was time to go overseas. After visiting Cuba, he sailed to New York and then made his way to California.

