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Chapter 20.1: Adverb Phrases

An **adverb phrase** is a prep phrase that modifies a verb, an adj, or an adv. Adverb phrases point out where, when, how/in what way, or to what extent.

Adverbs

Bring the book here.^{adv}

The class began early.^{adv}

Adverb Phrases

Bring the book to my desk.^{adv ph}

The class began at seven o'clock.^{adv ph}

Adverb phrases modifying verbs:

- Raindrops fell in heavy torrents.

How did they fall? In heavy torrents.

- We traveled to Florida last year.

Traveled where? To Florida.

Adverb phrases modifying adjectives:

The day was warm for December.

Warm in what way? For December.

The movie was funny for a thriller.

Funny in what way? For a thriller.

Adverb phrases modifying other adverbs:

The class ended suddenly within minutes of the
Suddenly to what extent? Within minutes ^{power outage}

The students filed quickly down the hall.
Filed quickly where? Down the hall.

Other important points:

Adverb phrases, unlike adjective phrases, are not always located near the words they modify in a sentence.

During class, Mrs A said "Tricky, tricky!"

After lunch, the students went home.

Two or more adverb phrases can also be located in different parts of the sentence and still modify the same word.

In an instant, a tornado tore through
the field.

At recess, kids play on the
monkey bars.