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### ***Adverb Phrases***

An **adverb phrase** is a prep phrase that modifies a verb, adjective, or other adverb. It answers the question when, where, how/in what manner, or to what extent.

#### **Adverbs**

Bring the book here.

The class began early.

#### **Adverb Phrases**

Bring the book to my desk.

The class began at 7 am.

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#### **Adverb phrases modifying verbs:**

Raindrops fell in heavy torrents.

Fell how? In heavy torrents

We traveled to Florida.

Traveled where? To Florida

#### **Adverb phrases modifying adjectives:**

The day was warm for December.

Warm when? For December

The movie was funny for a thriller.

Funny how? For a thriller

**Adverb phrases modifying adverbs:**

The class ended suddenly in minutes. Suddenly when? In minutes

The students did file quickly down the hall. 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.**

When? During class, Mrs. Adams (did give) notes.

When? 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.**

When? In an instant, a tornado tore through the field. Where?

When? At recess, kids played on the monkey bars. Where?

### **List of Common Helping Verbs**

am, are, is, was, were, be, being, been

have, has, had

shall, will

do, does, did

may, must, might

can, could, would, should

**Keep in mind that there can be more than one word making up one helping verb. There are many combos, like *am being*, *shall have been*, *could be*, etc.**