

All Adverbs: Sentence Activities

Fill in missing adverbs for each verb.

build	word	travel	word
	prepositional phrase		prepositional phrase with my family
	phrase of time next summer		phrase of time
	infinitive phrase		infinitive phrase
	subordinate clause		subordinate clause
write	word	is	word
	prepositional phrase		prepositional phrase
	phrase of time		phrase of time
	infinitive phrase to express my thoughts		infinitive phrase
	subordinate clause		subordinate clause since her project failed

Add the specified type of adverb to each sentence. You may use the ones above or write new ones.

- 1) She is late _____.
(prepositional phrase)
- 2) I write in my diary every night _____.
(infinitive phrase)
- 3) I will travel to France _____.
(subordinate clause)
- 4) _____, the team *is building* a sand sculpture for the competition.
(phrase of time)
- 5) _____, Mr. Johnson *traveled* on the subway instead of in a taxi.
(infinitive phrase)
- 6) The roller coaster was *built* _____.
(subordinate clause)
- 7) The teacher was _____ *writing* _____.
(word) *(prepositional phrase)*
- 8) The bridge was *built* _____ *(prepositional phrase)* _____ *(subordinate clause)*.
- 9) _____, she *is writing* letters _____.
(infinitive phrase) *(phrase of time)*
- 10) _____, dinner *will be* at my house.
(subordinate clause)

Circle the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

- 11) a. Unless the landlord fixes the toilet, the tenant will stop making rent payments.
b. Unless the landlord fixes the toilet the tenant will stop making rent payments.
- 12) a. The tenant will not pay rent, until the landlord fixes the toilet.
b. The tenant will not pay rent until the landlord fixes the toilet.
- 13) a. Without a working toilet the tenant will, not, pay his rent.
b. Without a working toilet, the tenant will not pay his rent.

Circle the sentence in which NEVER, NOT, SELDOM, RARELY, OFTEN, or ALWAYS is placed correctly.

- 14) a. The knife on the table never was used.
b. The knife on the table was never used.
- 15) a. Kathy is always happy.
b. Kathy always is happy.
- 16) a. Susan never leaves her desk.
b. Susan leaves her desk never.

Combine sentences using adverbs.

- 17) a. Some seventh grade students cannot enroll in school. *combine b as a subordinate clause using UNLESS*
b. All seventh grade students must show proof of vaccinations to enroll.

- 18) a. The students asked the teacher many questions. *combine b as a prepositional phrase using DURING*
b. The students were on a field trip with their teacher.

- 19) a. The agent guarded the president. *combine b as one word ending in -LY*
b. The agent was very loyal to the president.

- 20) a. The cat jumped on the counter. *combine b as one word ending in -LY*
b. The cat was nimble. *combine c as an infinitive phrase*
c. The cat wanted the tuna casserole on the counter.

RELATED SORT ACTIVITY: BUILD YOUR OWN - Launch the BUILD activity, write your own set of adverbs to fill in the blanks. Write the completed sentence on a separate sheet of paper. Repeat for all build sets.

SORT STATISTICS—On a blank piece of paper make a five column chart with the headings: words, prepositional phrases, phrases of time, infinitive phrases, and subordinate clauses. Launch the SORT activity. Each time a word group is sorted into a wheelbarrow, make a tally mark in the appropriate column of your chart. After all sentences are played, calculate the percentage of adverbs for each column (column tally marks, divided by all tally marks, times 100). Analyze all the sentences in any other selected paragraph (from a textbook, magazine, novel, etc.) and compare the percentages to the SORT paragraph. Which type of adverb form is most common and least common?

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Fill in missing adverbs for each verb. **ANSWERS WILL VARY.**

build	HAPPILY WITH A HAMMER next summer TO ENTER IN THE SCIENCE FAIR ONCE ALL THE MATERIALS HAVE ARRIVED	travel	SELDOM with my family THIS MARCH TO LEARN ABOUT OTHER CULTURES ALTHOUGH I WOULD RATHER STAY HOME
write	ALONE WITH A MARKER YESTERDAY To express my thoughts WHENEVER SHE IS INSPIRED	is	DANGEROUSLY PAST ITS EXPIRATION DATE EVERY WEEKNIGHT TO INTRODUCE THE NEXT ACT since her project failed

Add the specified type of adverb to each sentence. You may use the ones above or write new ones. **ANSWERS WILL VARY**

- 1) She is late _____ *for her date* _____.
(prepositional phrase)
- 2) I write in my diary every night _____ *to express my thoughts* _____.
(infinitive phrase)
- 3) I will travel to France _____ *although I would rather stay home* _____.
(subordinate clause)
- 4) _____ *Next summer* _____, the team is building a sand sculpture for the competition.
(phrase of time)
- 5) _____ *To learn about other cultures* _____, Mr. Johnson traveled on the subway instead of in a taxi.
(infinitive phrase)
- 6) The roller coaster was built _____ *once all the materials had arrived* _____.
(subordinate clause)
- 7) The teacher was _____ *not* _____ writing _____ *on the board* _____.
(word) (prepositional phrase)
- 8) The bridge was built _____ *in ten years* _____ *although the original plan said eight years* _____.
(prepositional phrase) (subordinate clause)
- 9) _____ *To stay in touch with her friends* _____, she is writing letters _____ *every week* _____.
(infinitive phrase) (phrase of time)
- 10) _____ *Unless someone else volunteers* _____, dinner will be at my house.
(subordinate clause)

Circle the sentence that is punctuated correctly.

- 11) a. Unless the landlord fixes the toilet, the tenant will stop making rent payments. (*comma after opening adverb CLAUSE*)
- 12) b. The tenant will not pay rent until the landlord fixes the toilet. (*no comma to separate adverb CLAUSE at end*)
- 13) b. Without a working toilet, the tenant will not pay his rent. (*comma after opening adverb PHRASE*)

Circle the sentence in which NEVER, NOT, SELDOM, RARELY, OFTEN, or ALWAYS is placed correctly.

- 14) b. The knife on the table was never used. (*NEVER after first helper and before main verb*)
- 15) a. Kathy is always happy (*ALWAYS after BE without helpers*)
- 16) a. Susan never leaves her desk. (*NEVER before verb other than BE without helpers*)

Combine sentences using adverbs. **ANSWERS WILL VARY**

- 17) Some seventh grade students cannot enroll in school unless they show proof of vaccinations.
- 18) During the field trip, the students asked the teacher many questions.
- 19) The agent loyally guarded the president.
- 20) The cat nimbly jumped on the counter to eat the tuna casserole.