

Worksheet 1

Nan

Adding Adverbials

Adverbials are words or phrases that provide additional but non-essential details about an action. Adverbials answer questions about the said action such as:

- *Where* did it happen? I saw a tiny bird **on the window ledge**. (PLACE)
- *When* did it happen? **Last week**, I went to visit my grandparents. (TIME)
- *How* did it happen? The visitors arrived **most unexpectedly**. (MANNER)

Adverbials can also provide interpersonal meaning reflecting a particular view about the action. For example: **Unfortunately**, she spoke too soon. (OPINION)

Task 1: Read through the following sentences from the story *Nan*. Identify the adverbial word or phrase in each sentence and indicate if it refers to place, time, manner or opinion. (HINT: Some sentences contain more than one adverbial.)

1. Next day, Mia accompanied her mother and Nan to Doctor Jenkins' surgery.
2. When told the bad news, she wasn't surprised.
3. Outside, all her beloved orchids had died of neglect.
4. Needless to say, the spade was hanging on the hook where Gramps always put it.
5. Last Thursday, one of the neighbours called in when she saw my car outside.
6. Apparently Nan lost her way home from the corner shop recently.
7. Sometimes she had Mia in fits of laughter.
8. Nan disappeared into the study.
9. It was a beautiful autumn day, so Nan decided to go for a walk to the nearby park.
10. Mia suddenly realised she was alone in the house.
11. Panic-stricken, she grabbed her bike from the shed and began to pedal furiously.
12. After her funeral, a staff member described a concert in the recreation room.

Extension Activities:

- Design a slide show presentation for your classmates explaining what adverbials are and how they are used. (Use the Ziptales Skill Builders digital documentaries to inspire your formatting style.)
- Write an argument text using the topic: Elderly citizens should be treated with more respect. Use a variety of adverbials to assist you in expressing your opinion about this topic.