13 ADVERBIAL PHRASES





An **adverbial phrase** is a group of words that describes the verb in a sentence.

Review these.

An adverbial phrase of manner describes how an action takes place.

- He behaved in a foolish manner.
- They talked in a soft voice.
- The old man walked like a drunkard.
- They discussed the plan in great secrecy.

An adverbial phrase of time describes when an action takes place.

- They reached there in the evening.
- The show starts at midnight.
- The train left the station ten minutes ago.
- The farmer returns from his field at sunset.

An adverbial phrase of place describes where an action takes place.

- The frightened child hid **under the bed**.
- The farmer rested **under a tree**.
- The thief is hiding in the storeroom.
- Maria is working at the counter.

An adverbial phrase of frequency describes how often an action takes place.

- Mr Hill jogs three times a week.
- The celebration is held twice a year.
- Mark visits his grandmother once a week.
- He feeds his fish twice a day.

An adverbial phrase of reason explains why an action takes place.

- She puts on a jacket because of the cold.
- He perspired profusely because of the heat.
- I put on a mask because of the dust.
- The accident happened due to his carelessness.