



Time to learn about adverbs of time

CAPS Statement

Language Structures & Conventions

Working with words and sentences:

- Uses adverbs of time (e.g. tomorrow, yesterday) or frequency (often)

Note

Let us see what you remember about *adverbs*.

An *adverb* adds to the verb. It tells us how something (the action) is done.

Example: I walked. How? *Slowly, fast, carefully.*

Some adverbs tell us *when* and *how often* something is done, will be done or was done. We call these *adverbs of time*.

- Examples of **when**: *later, seldom, on Tuesday.*
- Examples of **how often**: *usually, often, frequently, daily.*

Activity 1

Sort these adverbs from the word well into two groups that tell us:

- **when** something happens and
- **how often** something happens

The first one has been done for you.

sometimes today always ~~early~~ suddenly daily first never
on Saturday usually often later now
regularly

Adverbs that tell us **when**

early

Adverbs that tell us **how often**



Activity 2

Take out your detective badges and magnifying glasses to look for clues.
Put these words into the proper order to make sentences.
Then, read the sentences and underline the adverbs.

Example

parents / My / shopping / often / go / Tuesdays / on

- My parents often go shopping on Tuesdays. OR
- on Tuesdays, my parents often go shopping.

- ① cheat / never / I / the / in / exams

- ② go / swimming / We / hot / it / is / when

- ③ town / tomorrow / is / to / going / Temba

- ④ visit / year / you / the / twice / a / should / dentist

- ⑤ buys / Thandi's / every / her / clothes / mom / year

- ⑥ day / Thabo / go / Themba / to / practice / a / and / cricket / every



Teacher Tip

Once learners have been reminded that adverbs add to verbs, you can introduce the new concepts of specific *adverbs of time*.

Begin with simple, single-word adverbs (e.g. now, later, tomorrow, often).

When they have grasped this concept, explain that some adverbs can be a phrase (a collection of words):

When are you going?	Verb: going	Adverb: on Monday
How long will you be away?	Verb: be away	Adverb: for three days
When will you return?	Verb: return	Adverb: on the 15th March

