## Years 5 Grammar:
Adverbials for Linking Sentences and Paragraphs
(Time, Place and Number)

Learning From Home Activity Booklet

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Anna Adverbial
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Anna is revising adverbials for a test at school but she is unsure of how to identify them in a sentence. Help Anna by underlining the adverbial phrase or adverbial phrases in each sentence below.

**Tip:** Adverbial phrases explain *when*, *where* or *how* something happens, for example:

“Early in the morning, the tiger went to hunt.

‘Early in the morning’ is the adverbial phrase here as it explains when the tiger went to hunt.

1. Moments later, a shooting star appeared in the sky.
2. Anna completed her difficult homework at the kitchen table.
3. With a smile on his face, Arturo held up the trophy.
4. Charlotte bought lots of new things at the market.
5. In haste, Jamelia completed her chores because she wanted to go out to play.
6. Every Saturday, Peter ate porridge for his breakfast.

Now rewrite and improve the sentences below with an adverbial phrase of your own. Remember, add adverbials to describe when, where, or how each event happens.

1. The eagle flew.

2. Jake fastened his shoelace.
Adverbial Sort
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Adverbial phrases can be used to tell the reader when something happens (time), where something happens (place) and the order that things are happening (number). Sort the following adverbs and adverbials into the table below based on their function. The first few have been done for you.

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Challenge: Now write three sentences of your own that include an adverbial from the each column.

1. ____________________________
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2. ____________________________
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3. ____________________________
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When writing, authors use adverbial phrases to link paragraphs together so that their ideas flow smoothly from one paragraph to another. If you spend time thinking about how to start a new paragraph, you can deliberately choose words in your first sentence that will link it directly to the previous paragraph. This makes it clearer for the reader.

Have a look through your reading books at home. See how the authors use different adverbial phrases to start new paragraphs. Find some examples and add them to the table below. This will give you a list of great adverbial phrases that you can use when completing your own independent writing.

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Below is a text about a new animal at the zoo. However, the adverbials for time are missing. Please read the text and add the adverbial that best fits the start of each paragraph.

Soon, a new lion was brought to the zoo to help increase their dwindling number. The lion’s name was Terence. He had a regal face and a mighty mane of fur – he was sure to bring in many visitors to the zoo.

Soon, Terence had to be kept away from large crowds (and even other lions) until he became familiar with his new surroundings. For a period of time, he was kept in an enclosure of his own, which wasn’t visible to the public. The zookeepers kept a strict eye on him throughout this period to check that he was healthy and happy.

Soon, he was moved to a new enclosure next to the other lions in the zoo, which was also now visible to the public. In this enclosure, he had his own wooden platform to climb and peruse his surroundings. He would often sit, staring longingly at the lionesses on the other side of the fence that separated their two enclosures. Frequently, Terence and the lionesses would greet each other by the fence. They walked in tandem along their own sides of the fence and sniffed the air to catch each other’s scent.

Soon, the zookeepers thought that Terence was ready to be introduced to the same enclosure as the lionesses. It was a nerve-racking day for them! Initially, they took out the female lions and let Terence in on his own to become familiar with his new surroundings. Then, the females entered the enclosure... the meeting with Terence and the lionesses was a huge success and they have been together ever since.

Soon, Terence is a settled and happy lion, who enjoys being in his new enclosure with a pride to call his own.
Below is a text about a busy street scene. However, the adverbials for place are missing. Please read the text and add the adverbial that best fits the start of each paragraph.

Outside a shop window Everywhere In the heart of the city  
Below the glittering streetlights Nearby

_________________________, was a busy street filled with Saturday shoppers. It was a bleak and bitter day as a cold wind blew through the streets but many undeterred shoppers still braved the severe weather. It was close to Christmas and many of them needed to buy gifts for family and friends.

__________________________, a sea of colourful, woollen hats paraded as the people wearing them went from shop to shop searching for a bargain.

__________________________, a man stood peering through the glass at the dazzling jewellery on display. Should he buy the silver brooch his wife wanted? It was on special offer so he decided to enter the building.

__________________________, a child stood gazing at the toys in a toy shop. He beckoned to his mum to take him inside and reluctantly she gave in to his request. With a smile on his face, he ran ahead to see what wonders he could choose for his Christmas present.

__________________________, the sound of singing filled the air. A choir stood in the centre of the street performing a range of Christmas carols to cheer up the cold shoppers.
Adverbs and adverbial phrases can also be used to sequence events – they tell the reader what order something happened in. Please read the text below and decide which adverb of number would be best to link the paragraphs together. Write your answer in the space provided.

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After a busy day in the kitchen, the chef had lots to do before he could go home and rest! ____________, he must ensure that all the dirty pots from that evening's service were cleaned. He rinsed all the dishes in the sink before placing them in the dishwasher. ____________, he needed to check the stock he had available and see if he needed to buy anymore. He did this by checking the menu for the next day and then looking in the store cupboard and fridge to see if he had enough ingredients. ____________, he had to clean all the surfaces (ensuring they were free from germs) and sweep the floor. During a busy evening, lots of pieces of food and sauce can splash on the surfaces and on the floor. To maintain a high standard of food hygiene, he needed to clean these surfaces every evening to prevent germs and bacteria. ____________, he could leave to go home and rest. As he was leaving, he must ensure all the doors were locked and put the alarm on to help protect the restaurant.
Here are some pictures from the traditional tale ‘Sleeping Beauty’. However, you can sort the pictures to make up your own story – it doesn’t have to follow the traditional one! Cut the pictures out and sequence them in any order. Each picture will be the focus for one paragraph.

Once you have sequenced the pictures in the order that you want, add an adverbial phrase to each picture that you will use to start that paragraph. You could use the adverbial phrases you have already come across in this booklet or some of your own.
In Year 5, your child will be taught to add **adverbials** to link paragraphs to help improve the flow of their writing. This sometimes sounds complicated but is in fact quite easy. However, if your child doesn’t yet have a secure knowledge of **adverbs** and **adverbial phrases**, it would be best to review these first.

**Adverbs**: These are words that give more information about verbs, adjectives, other adverbs and clauses. For example:

- The boy shouted **angrily**.
- The sun is **extremely** bright.

**Adverbial phrases**: This is when a group of words (a phrase) is used rather than a single adverb to modify clauses (they add more information about the main action taking place). For example:

- The birds flew **through the sky**.
- I went for a walk **early in the morning**.
- The boy ate the chocolate **with a smile on his face**.

**Adverbials of time**: These tell the reader when something has happened, such as:

- **Yesterday**, I went shopping.
- I woke up **early this morning**.

**Adverbials of place**: These tell the reader where something takes place (happens), such as:

- **Outside the house**, the children played.
- **In a clearing**, wild flowers grew.

**Adverbials of number (sequence)**: These tell the reader what order (the sequence or number) that something occurs in. For example:

- **Firstly**, measure out the liquid.
- **After that**, pour the liquid into the flour and mix.
1. **Moments later**, a shooting star appeared **in the sky**.
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