

Adverbs and adverbials of time

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They can also tell us **how long** they happened for and **how often** they happened.

e.g. We are going on holiday **tomorrow**.

We will be travelling **for three days**.

We go to the same location **every year**.



Task 1: Circle the adverbs of time in these sentences.

- a) My mum said we would be leaving soon.
- b) Yesterday, we went for a walk in the woods.
- c) My sister is constantly asking my mum when she can have a puppy.
- d) The school has a monthly subscription to a children's newspaper.



Task 2: Complete the sentences with the words in the boxes below.

hourly

tomorrow

rarely

now

always

eventually

- a) The prisoners had _____ checks to make sure that they were behaving.
- b) My brother is _____ late so his friends tell him the wrong time to help his time-keeping!
- c) The safari guide said that unfortunately they _____ saw elephants in this part of the national park.
- d) Our parents _____ told us where we were going for our treat after we spent the day begging to know.
- e) "Go to the head teacher's office _____!" demanded the angry teacher.
- f) It is my birthday _____ and I am so excited that I can't get to sleep!



Task 3: Complete the sentences with an appropriate adverb of time which shows when the action took place.



- a) My best friend will arrive by aeroplane _____.
- b) My brother hasn't bought by dad's birthday present _____.
- c) I cleaned the whole house _____ because my family were coming to stay.
- d) June had to go out for a bit but she will be back _____.

Task 4: Sort the adverbs and adverbials of time into the correct columns.

often

last month

since last night

now

nightly

for weeks

all day

regularly

yesterday

most of the evening

tonight

sometimes

for a year

normally

today

Time (when)	Duration (how long)	Frequency (how often)

Now choose three of these words to write into sentences.



Answers

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yesterday	most of the evening	often
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today	for weeks	normally
tonight	all day	sometimes
last month	for a year	nightly

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(Answers may vary – children to write sentences including these words.)
