

Linking Ideas in a Paragraph



Adverbial phrases tell you how, when, where or how often something happens. They help your writing flow smoothly, which is called cohesion.

In ten minutes, we're going to the park. We're having lunch after that.

The adverbial phrases help these two sentences to flow together by telling you how the two events are linked.

1 Circle all the adverbial phrases in the box below.

over there twice a year my cat near the wall
 after a while winter weather this ketchup
 his horse every time the other day very slowly

2 Underline the adverbial phrase in each pair of sentences.

- I can play the flute. Last year, I learnt to play the recorder.
- The chest was unlocked. Without a sound, Susie opened the lid.
- It's a hot day. You should put suncream on after lunch.
- I do after-school activities four times a week. It's exhausting but fun.
- There are one hundred tadpoles in the school pond. We're studying them.
- The bus arrived. Thomas ate his breakfast ridiculously fast.
- There was so much to do. Tina didn't stop painting until midnight.
- My bedroom was a mess. I hid all the toys and books under the bed.

3 Use the timetable for an activity day to put the missing words in the box into the paragraph.

At 10 am in the garden in two separate teams
 First Yesterday Finally after lunch

9 am	10 am	Midday	1 pm	3 pm
Registration and warm-up games	Obstacle course races	Lunch in the garden	Building a tree house	Making rafts and racing them in groups

Yesterday..., I went to an amazing activity day. we had to register, and then we played some warm-up games., we raced each other through a great obstacle course. We ate and we built a big tree house. we made rafts and raced them

4 Rewrite each pair of sentences, adding the adverbial phrase in the box.

- I love football. I go to training. on Mondays
- I love football. On Mondays, I go to training.
- I am making a kite. I will try it out. after tea
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- The witch looked around. She crept up the stairs. very quietly
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- It is Christmas Eve. It will be Christmas Day. tomorrow morning
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If an adverbial phrase is at the start of a sentence, you put a comma after it.

"I can link ideas together using adverbial phrases."