

ADVERBS OF PLACE, INDEFINITE FREQUENCY, AND TIME

Exercise 1

Match the sentence beginnings and endings. Rewrite the ending with the adverb of place at the front and, if necessary, change the order of subject and verb. (A)

Sentence beginnings:

1. Everyone suddenly went quiet and...
2. The children slept most of the time on the journey there, but...
3. While the arguments went on in the committee room,...
4. As they came over the top of the hill they could hear waves breaking, and...
5. Fireworks were going off around the house, but...
6. Her cheeks were badly bruised and...
7. Around the square there are splendid buildings from the 19th century, and...
8. Tonight in Edinburgh the Swedish Radio Orchestra will be giving a concert of music by Mozart, and...

Sentence endings:

- a. ...the clear blue ocean lay in front of them.
- b. ...a statue of Queen Victoria stands in the middle.
- c. ...Paul walked into the room.
- d. ...John sat patiently outside.
- e. ...the Dallas Symphony Orchestra will be performing pieces by Beethoven in Manchester.
- f. ...Miriam slept soundly in the bedroom.
- g. ...they told stories on the way back home.
- h. ...a blood-stained bandage was around her head.

Example: 1 + (c) Everyone suddenly went quiet and into the room walked Paul.

Exercise 2

Which of the positions indicated [1], [2] or [3] can the adverb in brackets go in? (B & D)

1. [1] He's [2] leaving [3]. (tomorrow)
2. [1] The flowers [2] grow a metre tall [3]. (sometimes)
3. [1] We [2] try to get together [3]. (a couple of times a year)
4. [1] The newspaper is [2] published [3]. (daily)
5. [1] She had [2] wanted a sports car [3]. (always)
6. [1] I [2] smoke cigars [3]. (occasionally)
7. [1] He [2] visits his mother [3]. (every other day)
8. [1] The competition winners are [2] announced [3]. (weekly)

Exercise 3

Rewrite the underlined parts of these sentences with the adverb of indefinite frequency or adverb of time in front position. Where you need to, change the order of subject and verb, and make any other necessary changes. (C & D)

1. Even though the number one seed played a pretty rough and violent first set, he broke the rules of the game at no time. *At no time...*
2. Although they were contacted at the end of July, the government didn't agree to a meeting until August 17th.
3. Although I often eat out, I have rarely seen a restaurant so filled with smoke.
4. Some people said that the house was haunted, and I often heard strange noises in the attic.
5. She had travelled all over the world, but she had seldom experienced such sincere hospitality.
6. I like to keep fit. I walk to work every day and I play tennis twice a week.