



## Placing adverbs

There are three places in a sentence where adverbs can go:

At the **beginning** of a sentence or clause:

**Suddenly** I had earache.  
**Recently** I had earache.

In the **middle** of a sentence:

I **suddenly** had earache.  
I **recently** had earache.

At the **end** of a sentence or clause:

I had earache **suddenly**.  
I had earache **recently** but it's fine now.

## How do you know where the adverb goes?

Adverbs that tell you 'how often' can go in the mid-position in a sentence:

I'm **usually** working at weekends.  
I **never** said I liked you.

Other adverbs may fit more comfortably at the beginning or end of a sentence:

**Yesterday** I went to the skate park.  
I went to the skate park **yesterday**.

The best way to know if the order is right is to say the sentence to yourself. Does it sound right?

She **often** is late.  
She is **often** late. (This sounds better.)