

Adverbs of Place

away, everywhere, here, nowhere, somewhere, there etc

- A. If there is no object, these adverbs are usually placed after the verb.

She went away.

He lives abroad.

Bill is upstairs.

But they come after verb + object or verb + preposition + object

She sent him away.

I looked for it everywhere.

(But see chapter 38 for verb + adverb combinations such as pick up, Pig down etc.)

Adverb phrases, formed of preposition + noun/pronoun/adverb, follow the above position rules:

The parrot sat on a perch.

He stood in the doorway.

He lives near me.

But see also E below.

- B. somewhere, anywhere follow the same basic rules as some and any:

I've seen that man somewhere.

Can you see my key anywhere? - No, I can't see it anywhere. Are you going anywhere? (ordinary question) but

Are you going somewhere? (I assume that you are.)

Nowhere, however, is not normally used in this position except in the expression to get nowhere (= to achieve nothing/to make no progress):

Threatening people will get you nowhere. (You'll gain no advantage by threatening people.)

But it can be used in short answers:

Where are you going? - Nowhere. (I'm not going anywhere.)

It can also, in formal English, be placed at the beginning of a sentence and is then followed by an inverted verb:

Nowhere will you find better roses than these. (See 45.)

- C. Here, there can be followed by be/come/go + noun subject:

Here's Tom.

There's Ann.

Here comes the train.

There goes our bus.

here and there used as above carry more stress than here/there placed after the verb. There is also usually a difference in meaning. Tom is here means he is in this room/building/town etc. But Here's Tom implies that he has just appeared or that we have just found him. Tom