

Adverb clauses (Adverbial clauses) are groups of words with a subject and a verb that function as adverbs. There are many different types: [contrast](#), [purpose](#), [cause](#), [effect](#), [comparison](#), [time](#), [place](#), [manner](#), and [condition](#).

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Adverb Clause of Time

Adverb clauses of time tell us about **when** something happens. We can use [conjunctions](#) like '**when**', '**whenever**', '**before**', '**after**', '**as**', '**while**', '**until**', '**as soon as**', and '**since**':

- *I stopped running **when** I saw my friend.*
- *Annie gets excited **whenever** she sees a dog.*
- *I'll do my homework **before** I go back to school.*
- *Harry went home **after** the movie ended.*
- *I watched my mother **as** she prepared dinner.*
- *He washed the dishes **while** his girlfriend vacuumed the floor.*
- *I will come over **as soon as** I finish eating.*
- *Gemma hasn't stopped working **since** she arrived.*

Adverb Clause of Place

Adverb clauses of place tell us about **where** something happens. We can use '**where**', '**wherever**', and '**everywhere**':

- ***Wherever** I go, I always see McDonald's.*
- *I'm not sure **where** she lives.*
- *We met kind people **everywhere** we went.*

Note that clauses beginning with '**whenever**', '**wherever**', and '**everywhere**' show that something **always** happens in a place or at a certain time.

Adverb Clause of Condition

Adverb clauses of condition tell us about the **circumstances** under which something happens. These clauses often begin with '**if**', '**unless**', or '**provided that**':

- *I only watch TV **if my favorite show is on**.*
- *He won't go to university **unless he studies very hard**.*
- *You can play the game, **provided that you follow the rules**.*

Adverb Clause of Manner

Adverb clauses of manner show us **how** something happens. They usually begin with '**like**', '**as though**' or '**as if**':

- *She looked **as though she was in pain**.*
- *Ryan walked past **as if he hadn't seen us**.*
- *He talked to me **like I was a child**.*

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