

Adverb clauses (Adverbial clauses) are groups of words with a subject and a verb that function as adverbs. There are many different types: <u>contrast</u>, <u>purpose</u>, <u>cause</u>, <u>effect</u>, <u>comparison</u>, 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 <u>conjunctions</u> 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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