

Varied Fluency

Step 2: Using Adverbs to Express Time

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 3: (3G1.6) [Using adverbs to express time and cause](#)

English Year 3: (3G1.6) [Express time, place and cause using adverbs \[for example, then, next, soon, therefore\]](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support using basic adverbs of time, including: then, next, soon, after, before, during.

Expected Questions to support using adverbs of time in sentences which include adjectives and conjunctions. Adverbs of time include those from above and: eventually, recently, immediately, lately, yesterday, already.

Greater Depth Questions to support using adverbs of time in sentences which include adjectives, conjunctions, a range of determiners and adverbs to express how. Adverbs of time include those from above and: yet, so far, beforehand, punctually.

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1a. Circle the adverbs of time.

jump next
soon happily
laugh after



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1b. Circle the adverbs of time.

then bend
quietly before
snore during



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2a. Which adverb of time will complete the sentence below?

During	Soon	Then
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_____ the film, I had to rush to the toilet.



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2b. Which adverb of time will complete the sentence below?

Next	Then	After
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_____ school, I am going to the park.



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3a. Tick the sentence that includes an adverb of time.

- A. Next, I will complete my homework.
- B. Josh fell and bumped his head.
- C. Stop! Clean up that mess.



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3b. Tick the sentence that includes an adverb of time.

- A. Everyone went to the skatepark.
- B. How will you get to the skatepark?
- C. Soon the boys will be going to the skatepark.



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4a. True or false? The following sentence includes an adverb of time.

In the play, the old man fell asleep.



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4b. True or false? The following sentence includes an adverb of time.

Before the children visited the lion, they saw the monkeys eating.



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5a. Circle the adverbs of time.

recently climb
crouch lately
tremble yesterday



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5b. Circle the adverbs of time.

crawl immediately
already eventually
slowly carefully



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6a. Which adverb of time will complete the sentence below?

Eventually	Yesterday	Lately
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_____, the postman has not delivered the post because he has too many rounds to complete in one day.



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6b. Which adverb of time will complete the sentence below?

recently	already	yesterday
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Jack _____ climbed one of the highest mountains in England and was very proud of his achievement.



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7a. Tick the sentence that includes an adverb of time.

A. I walked past the dog and the old woman who was dozing on the bench.

B. Sally climbed the tall tree in the park but she fell out and broke her arm in two places.

C. Yesterday, Tommy jumped in the mucky puddle and splashed the teacher's face.



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7b. Tick the sentence that includes an adverb of time.

A. Jimmy wanted to crawl through the mud but his friend stopped him.

B. Ellie immediately stopped what she was doing and listened to the teacher.

C. The children walked through the spooky woods looking for the hidden key.



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8a. True or false? The following sentence includes an adverb of time.

Hungrily, the homeless man ate the soup and roll and asked for more.



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8b. True or false? The following sentence includes an adverb of time.

Yesterday, the children sang beautifully in the assembly but it made some of the parents cry.



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9a. Circle the adverbs of time.

afterwards reluctantly

strangely so far

punctually steadily



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9b. Circle the adverbs of time.

scramble yet

calmly yesterday

beforehand bellowing



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10a. Which adverb of time will complete the sentence below?

Afterwards

Yet

So far

_____, we have purchased the homeless presents and carefully wrapped them ready for distribution.



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10b. Which adverb of time will complete the sentence below?

lately

beforehand

afterwards

Luke knew _____ that he would miss the important penalty because he always struggled when he was under pressure.



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11a. Tick the sentence that includes an adverb of time.

A. Wilfully, he stepped forward to take the final kick of the cup game.

B. I am not at all worried Harry as you're a powerful wizard with a clever mind.

C. The servants punctually obeyed the wise king or they would be thrown in prison.



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11b. Tick the sentence that includes an adverb of time.

A. Energetically, the circus clown tumbled around the big top making everyone laugh.

B. I haven't seen the new movie yet, so don't tell me how it ends or you'll spoil it.

C. Sneaking down the stairs, the children quietly spoke about the surprise they would find.



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12a. True or false? The following sentence includes an adverb of time.

Afterwards, she eagerly snuggled into her warm, cosy duvet as she looked forward to dreaming of the day's events.



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12b. True or false? The following sentence includes an adverb of time.

Jim reluctantly stopped to rest because the climb was incredibly steep and tiresome.



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Developing

- 1a. **Next, soon, after**
- 2a. **During**
- 3a. **A**
- 4a. **False (adverb of place used)**

Expected

- 5a. **Recently, lately, yesterday**
- 6a. **Lately**
- 7a. **C**
- 8a. **False (adverb of manner used)**

Greater Depth

- 9a. **Afterwards, so far, punctually**
- 10a. **So far**
- 11a. **C**
- 12a. **True**

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Developing

- 1b. **Then, before, during**
- 2b. **After**
- 3b. **C**
- 4b. **True**

Expected

- 5b. **Immediately, already, eventually**
- 6b. **Recently**
- 7b. **B**
- 8b. **True**

Greater Depth

- 9b. **Yet, yesterday, beforehand**
- 10b. **Beforehand**
- 11b. **B**
- 12b. **False (adverb of manner used)**