Adverbs and Adverbials Narrative Poetry





Just then, the highwayman came riding, up to the old inn-door

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ADVERBS

An adverb is a word used to modify (tell us more about) a verb OR an adjective OR (occasionally) a whole clause:

He soon began to ride faster.

The *really* purple moor was misty.

soon modifies the verb 'began'
faster modifies the verb 'ride'

really modifies the adjective 'purple'

Sadly, someone had been listening.

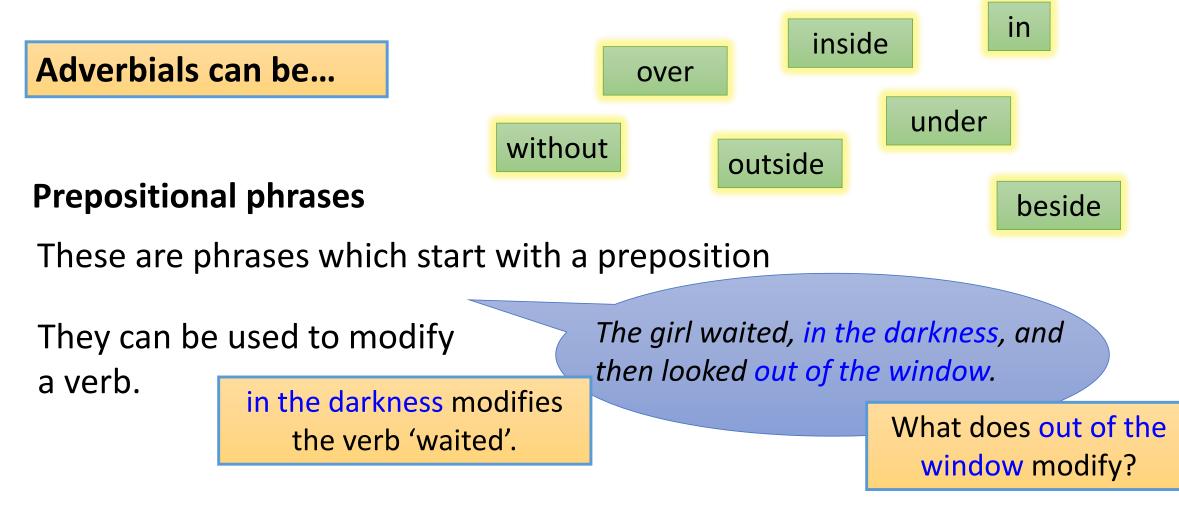
sadly modifies the whole clause





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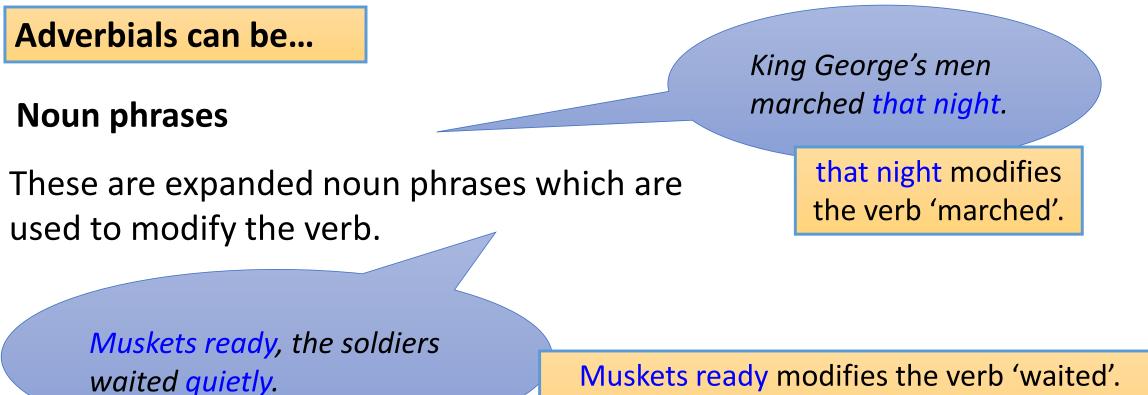
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quietly also modifies the verb 'waited'.



- Which of these adverbials answers the questions When? Where? How?

where? The highwayman rode through the gate.

How? The highwayman rode hard.

When? The highwayman rode at midnight.

When? The highwayman rode that evening.

How? The highwayman rode without looking back.

Where? The highwayman rode along the path.





Answers



- Try adding adverbials for time, place or manner to this sentence.

- Try putting them in different places. How does the impact change?

The highwayman rode at midnight.

At midnight<mark>,</mark> the highwayman rode.

Bess twisted her hands.

With frustration, Bess twisted her hands against the knots. Over the bed, Bess twisted her hands in fear. with frustration over the bed before long in fear later that day against the knots



IDEAS

When adverbials appear at the beginning we call them **fronted adverbials**.

Fronted adverbials are separated from the main clause by a comma.



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