Varied Fluency
Step 4: Expanding Sentences Using Adverbs

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 4: (3G1.6) Express time, place and cause using adverbs [for example, then, next, soon, therefore]

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support the understanding of adverbs to express time, cause and place. Only one adverb is used per sentence.
Expected Questions to support the understanding of adverbs to express time, cause and place. Sentences include adjectives and conjunctions.
Greater Depth Questions to support the understanding of adverbs of time, cause and place. Sentences include adjectives, conjunctions, a range of determiners and more than one adverb (including different types of adverbs).

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Expanding Sentences Using Adverbs

1a. Underline the adverb of place in the sentence below.

The kittens had somewhere safe to go.

D VF

2a. Tick the sentence which *does not* use an adverb.

A. Julian crossed the finish line at the same time as his sister. ☐

B. We're going to Rome later this year. ☐

C. Sunil said that he lived here. ☐

D VF

3a. Underline the adverb and the verb it modifies.

We are going swimming today.

D VF

4a. Tick the correct column in the table to show the type of adverb that has been used in the sentence below.

They're found *nowhere* else on earth.

Adverb	Adverb of time	Adverb of place	Adverb of cause
nowhere			

D VF

Expanding Sentences Using Adverbs

1b. Underline the adverb of time in the sentence below.

John soon began to write his own poems.

D VF

2b. Tick the sentence which *does not* use an adverb.

A. We always visit my grandma at Christmas. ☐

B. The temperature on Saturday was 27 degrees! ☐

C. The bus was often late. ☐

D VF

3b. Underline the adverb and the verb it modifies.

Can you wait there and I will come to collect you?

D VF

4b. Tick the correct column in the table to show the type of adverb that has been used in the sentence below.

We will take the dog for a walk *soon*.

Adverb	Adverb of time	Adverb of place	Adverb of cause
soon			

D VF

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5a. Underline the adverb of place in the sentence below.

Whilst her mother went shopping, Sofia waited outside.

E VF

6a. Tick the sentence which *does not* use an adverb of time.

A. David had forgotten to pack his passport and mobile phone. ☐

B. Mum usually collects David and his sister from school. ☐

C. She always puts the heat on as soon as it turns cold. ☐

E VF

7a. Underline the adverb and the verb it modifies.

I can't find my shoe and I know I've searched everywhere.

E VF

8a. Tick the correct column in the table to show the type of adverb that has been used in the sentence below.

The new cinema opens tomorrow and I'd like to watch a film.

Adverb	Adverb of time	Adverb of place	Adverb of cause

E VF

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5b. Underline the adverb of time in the sentence below.

Hassan often plays football with his friends, unless it's cold and raining.

E VF

6b. Tick the sentence which *does not* use an adverb of place.

A. It was raining, so I decided to wait inside. ☐

B. The netball match was exciting and fun to watch. ☐

C. To stop herself from laughing, kay had to look away. ☐

E VF

7b. Underline the adverb and the verb it modifies.

The pool was full and it was impossible to swim anywhere.

E VF

8b. Tick the correct column in the table to show the type of adverb that has been used in the sentence below.

The children were tired and hungry because they had travelled far.

Adverb	Adverb of time	Adverb of place	Adverb of cause

E VF

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9a. Underline one adverb of time, one adverb of place and one adverb of cause in the sentence below.

Sometimes, due to deep snowdrifts that block her door, Tammy is unable to get outside.

GD VF

10a. Tick the sentence which *does not* use two adverbs.

A. Despite knowing it was wrong, Karl refused to do his work today. ☐

B. The hedgehog curled up into a tight ball when it was frightened. ☐

C. Due to my busy lifestyle, I only manage to swim occasionally. ☐

GD VF

11a. Underline the adverbs and the verbs they modify.

I'll read this picture book to you now so you'll need to sit here.

GD VF

12a. Tick the correct columns in the table to show the types of adverbs that have been used in the sentence below.

Today, the art expert stated that Josef paints incredibly well, probably because he's had a great teacher.

Adverb	Adverb of time	Adverb of place	Adverb of cause

GD VF

Expanding Sentences Using Adverbs

9b. Underline one adverb of time, one adverb of place and one adverb of cause in the sentence below.

Since he wasn't feeling well yesterday, he decided to stay here instead of going to school.

GD VF

10b. Tick the sentence which *does not* use two adverbs.

A. Soon, he would be forced, against his will, to climb up there. ☐

B. I jog daily to keep myself fit but yet I still eat cake afterwards. ☐

C. The noisy black dog barked as the car beeped it's horn. ☐

GD VF

11b. Underline the adverbs and the verbs they modify.

Tomorrow, shall we visit our lovely friends as they live nearby?

GD VF

12b. Tick the correct columns in the table to show the types of adverbs that have been used in the sentence below.

Usually, we go on our family holiday in this country, but I really want to travel abroad.

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Developing

1a. *Somewhere* should be underlined.
2a. Sentence A
3a. *Swimming* is the verb and *today* is the adverb.
4a.

Adverb	Adverb of time	Adverb of place	Adverb of cause
nowhere		✓	

Expected

5a. *Outside* should be underlined.
6a. Sentence A
7a. *Searched* is the verb and *everywhere* is the adverb.
8a.

Adverb	Adverb of time	Adverb of place	Adverb of cause
tomorrow	✓		

Greater Depth

9a. Sometimes (time), due to (cause) and outside (place)
10a. Sentence B
11a. *Read and sit* are the verbs; *now* and *here* are the adverbs.
12a.

Adverb	Adverb of time	Adverb of place	Adverb of cause
today	✓		
because			✓

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Developing

1b. *Soon* should be underlined.
2b. Sentence B
3b. *Wait* is the verb and *there* is the adverb.
4b.

Adverb	Adverb of time	Adverb of place	Adverb of cause
soon	✓		

Expected

5b. *Often* should be underlined.
6b. Sentence B
7b. *Swim* is the verb and *anywhere* is the adverb.
8b.

Adverb	Adverb of time	Adverb of place	Adverb of cause
far		✓	

Greater Depth

9b. Since (cause), yesterday (time), and here (place)
10b. Sentence C
11b. *Visit and live* are the verbs; *tomorrow* and *nearby* are the adverbs.
12b.

Adverb	Adverb of time	Adverb of place	Adverb of cause
usually	✓		
abroad		✓	

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