



Placing adverbs

There are three places in a sentence where adverbs can go:

At the **beginning** of a sentence or clause:

Suddenly I had earache.
Recently I had earache.

In the **middle** of a sentence:

I **suddenly** had earache.
I **recently** had earache.

At the **end** of a sentence or clause:

I had earache **suddenly**.
I had earache **recently** but it's fine now.

How do you know where the adverb goes?

Adverbs that tell you 'how often' can go in the mid-position in a sentence:

I'm **usually** working at weekends.
I **never** said I liked you.

Other adverbs may fit more comfortably at the beginning or end of a sentence:

Yesterday I went to the skate park.
I went to the skate park **yesterday**.

The best way to know if the order is right is to say the sentence to yourself. Does it sound right?

She **often** is late.
She is **often** late. (This sounds better.)