

# Adverb phrases

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Here is a list of common adverb phrases.

## **Above all (before all other considerations)**

Above all, be honest.

## **Above board (straightforward, legitimate, honest)**

Everything he did was fair and above board.

## **After all (in spite of all considerations to the contrary)**

After all, she is a mere child.

## **Again and again (repeatedly)**

She asks the same questions again and again.

## **All the same (nevertheless)**

He doesn't seem to have the required qualifications; all the same, we may hire him.

## **All of a sudden (suddenly)**

All of a sudden, he started yelling at me.

## **At present (now)**

She is jobless at present.

There is nothing more we can do at present.

## **As a matter of fact (in reality)**

She looks quite younger than she is. As a matter of fact, she is forty.

## **At any rate (whatever may happen)**

We have to win that contract at any rate.

## **Before long (soon)**

Before long, he will grow into a handsome young man.

**By and by (eventually)**

By and by, the excitement died down.

**By the way (incidentally – this is an expression used to add something to a conversation)**

By the way, I met your dad at the club yesterday.

**By heart**

Learn this poem by heart.

**By far (by a great extent)**

She is by far the best singer of this decade.

**By no means (in no way)**

They can, by no means, deprive me of my right to the property.

**Far and near (everywhere)**

I searched for my missing cat far and near.

**Far and wide (everywhere, all over)**

The actor's fame spread far and wide.

**First and foremost (more than anything else)**

In spite of her success as an entrepreneur, she is first and foremost a mother.

**For certain (for sure)**

I know for certain that they are getting married.

**For long (for a long time)**

Nothing was heard of him for long.

**For better or for worse (whatever be my lot)**

I am following your advice for better or for worse.

**From time to time (occasionally)**

You should take a break from time to time.

**Little by little (slowly or gradually)**

Little by little his savings grew into a huge sum.

**In the least (at all)**

She was not in the least disturbed by the news.

**In every respect (in every way)**

He is a gentleman in every respect.

**Now and then (occasionally)**

She calls me every now and then.

**Off and on (happening only some of the time)**

He worked off and on as a pizza delivery guy.

**On the contrary (the opposite of what you think or feel)**

'Nice movie?' 'On the contrary, it was a sheer waste of time.'

**Once and for all (finally)**

Let's settle this dispute once and for all.

**On the whole (generally speaking)**

On the whole, his thesis is better than yours.

**Over and above (in addition to)**

Over and above being a talented singer, she is an accomplished dancer.

**Sooner or later (at some time in the future)**

Sooner or later you will have to pay for your sins.

**So far as / as far as**

The movie was a success as far as box office collections were concerned.

**Then and there**

The culprit was caught and the punishment was delivered then and there.