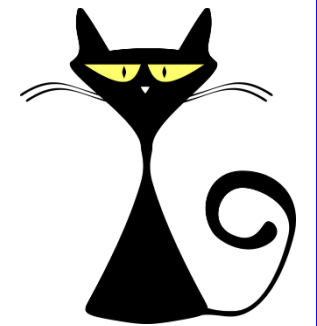


# Adverbials



# Verbs

Verbs indicate that someone or something is  
doing, feeling or being.

He sings.

The cat prowls.

A weed grows.

I wish!

Usually **verbs** have the name of a person or thing or a pronoun in front of them.

# Adverbials

**Adverbials** tell us more about a **verb**.

**Adverbials** can be

a word,

a phrase,

or a clause.

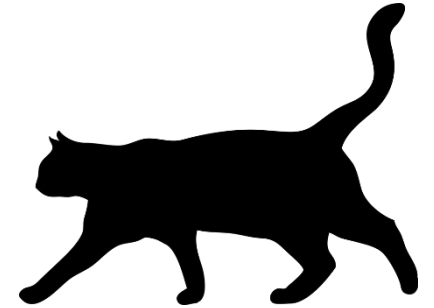
**hungrily**

**between the cracks**

**after the song ended**

# Adverbials

Adverbials tell us more about a **verb**.



*The cat **prowls**.*

*The cat **prowls** **with hungry eyes**.*

*The cat **prowls** **through the long grass**.*

*The cat **prowls** **during the night**.*

In each sentence, the **verb** is modified by the **adverbial**.

# Adverbials

**Adverbials** answer the questions...



**Where?**



**When?**



**How?**

## Adverbials

Where?

The cat **prowls**.

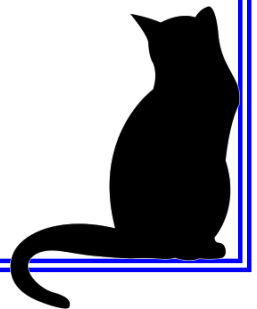
The cat **prowls** in the wood.

The cat **prowls** through the trees.

The cat **prowls** under the table.

The cat **prowls** outside the door.

**Adverbials** answer the question: *Where?*



# Adverbials

When?

The cat prowls.

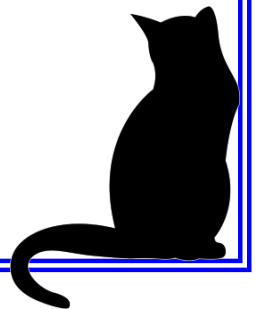
The cat prowls at midnight.

The cat prowls while I sleep.

The cat prowls later.

The cat prowls after the rain.

**Adverbials** answer the question: *When?*



# Adverbials

How?

The cat **prowls**.

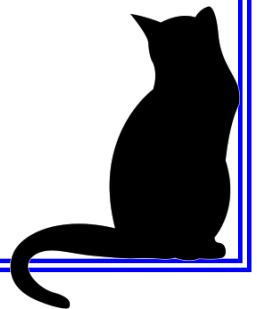
The cat **prowls** hungrily.

The cat **prowls** stealthily.

The cat **prowls** in silence.

The cat **prowls** with deadly intent.

**Adverbials** answer the question: *How?*





# Prepositions

Prepositions tell us how words are related.

above

over<sup>on</sup>

from

before

at

in

while

with

between

outside

inside

during

since

like

under

on

in

after

below

When?

Where?

They can be grouped according to type.

How?

# Adverbials

**Adverbials** often open with a preposition.

The cat prowls with hungry eyes.

The cat prowls through the long grass.

The cat prowls during the night.

The **preposition** links the **adverbial** to the sentence.

# Adverbials

The bird soared above ...

The weed grew through ...

He sang during ...

I wished with...

Finish the adverbial in these sentences.

Which question does it answer: *Where, When, or How?*

# Adverbials

You can change the order of **Adverbials**.

The cat prowled **with hungry eyes**.

**With hungry eyes**, the cat prowled.

The cat prowled **through the long grass**.

**Through the long grass**, the cat prowled.

*Swap the adverbial round in these sentences.*

The cat prowled **during the night**.

**During the night**, the cat prowled.

The cat prowled **watchfully**.

**Watchfully**, the cat prowled.

## Fronted Adverbials

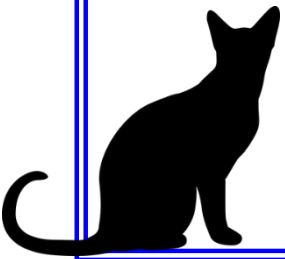
When an **adverbial** appears in front of the sentence it is modifying...  
it is called a **fronted adverbial**.

**During the night**, the cat prowled.

**With deadly intent**, the cat prowled.

**Before dawn**, the cat prowled.

**Finally**, the cat prowled.



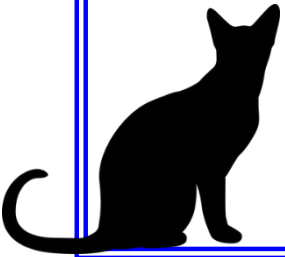
# Punctuating Fronted Adverbials

**Fronted adverbials** are separated from the main part of the sentence by a **comma**.

**During the night**, the cat prowled.

Try saying the whole sentence  
with and without a pause.

The comma tells the listener that the main information is coming.  
This is great for building tension.



## Punctuating Fronted Adverbials

*Spot the **fronted adverbial** in each sentence.*

*Decide where the **comma** should go.*

In the night there was a huge crash.

With a jump Jenny woke up.

Down the stairs she ran.

Cautiously she opened the kitchen door.

On the floor the kitten sat covered in biscuits.



## ANSWERS

### Punctuating Fronted Adverbials

*Spot the **fronted adverbial** in each sentence.*

*Decide where the **comma** should go.*

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*With a jump,* Jenny woke up.

*Down the stairs,* she ran.

*Cautiously,* she opened the kitchen door.

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# Sentences with more than one adverbial

We can use more than one **adverbial** in a sentence.

When?

Where?

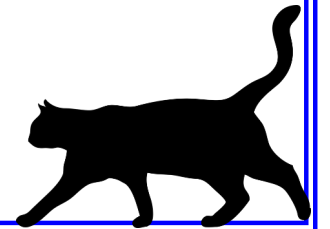
*During the night, the cat **prowls** through the long grass.*

How?

Where?

*With hungry eyes, the cat **prowls** under the table.*

**Adverbials** can build up meaning in a sentence.



**End**

