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# Adverb – advanced usage & inversion after adverbs

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## ADVERBS MODIFYING THE WHOLE SENTENCE

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Adverb modifying the whole sentence (also known as [sentence adverbs](#)) usually express a speaker's or narrator's opinion.

### SENTENCE ADVERBS – POSSIBLE POSITION:

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#### After a verb "to be":

Example:

She is **obviously** intelligent.

#### Before the main verb or between auxiliary and main verb:

Example:

He **actually** sold his house!  
He has **actually** sold his house!

#### At the beginning and the end:

**Unfortunately**, Mark didn't pass the exam.  
No one got hurt, **fortunately**.

### Example of sentence adverbs:

actually	fortunately	presumably
apparently	luckily	undoubtedly
certainly	naturally	unfortunately
evidently	obviously	thankfully

## ADVERBS ENDING WITH **-WARDS** AND **-WISE**

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Adverbs ending with **-wards** and **-wise** (this group also includes words with endings **-ward** and **-ways**) refers to the physical direction:

Example:

She glanced **sideways** at the visitor.  
Move **forward**.  
If you look **upwards**, you will see a big bird in the sky.

Figuratively adverbs with ending **-wise** refers to orientation and perspectives concerning the sentence. We create them by adding **-wise** to a noun.

Example:

**Healthwise**, I don't have any problems.  
The twin sisters were always dressed **likewise**.

Excluding adverbs as **likewise** and **otherwise**, those expressions shall not be overused.

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# INVERSION USED AFTER ADVERBS

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After some adverbs and adverbial phrases, you can use inversion. As a result of moving adverb to the beginning of the sentence, the emphasis is placed on the ban, negation or dramatic nature of a statement.

Here are some adverbs and adverbial phrases which most often undergoes inversion:

adverbs and adverbial phrases	example
hardly ever	He <b>hardly ever</b> spoke English. <b>Hardly ever</b> did he speak English.
hardly...when	He had <b>hardly</b> stepped outside <b>when</b> it started to rain. <b>Hardly</b> had he stepped outside <b>when</b> it started to rain.
in/ under no circumstances	We can accept the offer <b>under no circumstances</b> . <b>Under no circumstances</b> can we accept the offer.
never	I had <b>never</b> seen so many people in one room. <b>Never</b> had I seen so many people in one room.
not only	She is <b>not only</b> a talented singer but also an amazing actress. <b>Not only</b> is she a talented singer but also an amazing actress
nowhere	He was <b>nowhere</b> to be found. <b>Nowhere</b> was he to be found.

only	He looked for his ticket <b>only</b> after he arrived at the station. <b>Only</b> after he arrived at the station did he look for his ticket.
scarcely... when	I had <b>scarcely</b> entered the room <b>when</b> the telephone rang. <b>Scarcely</b> had I entered the room <b>when</b> the telephone rang.

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