

CONFUSING ADVERBS AND ADVERBIAL PHRASES

♥AT THE MOMENT /ACTUALLY

At the moment: means “at the present time”. Use: *at present ,at the moment or currently* (not Actually)

At the moment I’m working part time in a clothes shop

Actually: means “really “ or “in fact”. It is used to correct mistakes or misunderstandings

“Hello, María . Nice to see you”. “Actually, my name’s Cristina”

It is also used to make things clearer or more precise or to introduce unexpected information.

I’ve got a new job. Actually they have made me head of the department

♥ESPECIALLY/SPECIALLY

Especially: in particular. It follows a subject

All my family like music. My father, especially, goes to as many concerts as he can.

Specially: goes with adjectives .

These shoes were specially made for me

The course has been specially designed for Spanish students

♥HARD /HARDLY

Hard : not easy/ severe

The exam was quite hard

Hardly: almost nothing

It was so dark we could hardly see

♥IN THE END / AT THE END

At the end refers to a point when something finishes.It’s more physical like “at the end of the road” “at the end of the book” , though you can also say ” at the end of the day”.

I kissed my teachers goodbye at the end of the course

In the end : introduces the result of the outcome of something. **It** means the same as “finally” or “eventually”.

He was badly injured in the car crash and in the end died

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♥LATE / LATELY

Late: not early **He was late for work this morning**

Lately: recently

Lately I have been wondering whether to start looking for a new job