

## Addendum G

### Adverbs and Verb Phrases

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On page 25, we see examples the role that **adverbs** play in modifying verbs — and often changing the meaning of our sentences.

She **almost** spilled the milk.

It follows that adverbs may also act a modifiers in **verb phrases**.

**Soon**, the company **will increase** production.

I **will wait** **here**.

**First**, we **must develop** goals.

At the top of page 26, there are examples of the role played by the adverb **not** (and the contraction **n't**) in a creating a **negative** verb phrase.

### Adverbs and Noun Phrases

On page 26, we also see examples of adverbs in **noun phrases**.

Agatha Christie devised a <sup>adv</sup> **most** <sup>adj</sup> **unusual plot**.

<sup>adv</sup> **Exceptionally** <sup>adj</sup> **talented children** need encouragement.

Under certain circumstances (page 27), the **noun** in a noun phrase may act as an **adverb**. A noun that tells us **when** or **where** something happens is assuming an **adverbial role**.

<sup>adv</sup> **Last year**, Lois visited Paris.

Here we can see that **Last** is an adjective describing the noun **year** — but the phrase **Last year** tells us **when Lois visited** ... So in this sentence, we would need to refer to **year** as an **n/adv** (a noun acting as an adverb).