

Unit 3 Narrative writing (1) – Using adverbs in narratives ➔ p31

- 1 Have you ever been in a dangerous situation? Write some notes about what happened, where and when it happened, and who you were with. Discuss your notes with a partner and compare the situations.
- 2 Rewrite the sentences using the adverbs or adverbial phrases in brackets. Sometimes more than one place is possible.
My skiing disaster
 - 1 I used to go skiing. (*in winter, frequently*)
 - 2 I enjoyed going to Colorado. (*with my family, especially*)
 - 3 I had a bad accident. (*two years ago, then, really*)
 - 4 I skied into a tree. (*headfirst*)
 - 5 I broke my leg. (*in three places, unfortunately*)
 - 6 I'd like to go skiing again. (*definitely, one day*)
 - 7 But I don't feel confident. (*yet, enough*)
 - 8 My family go skiing. (*however, still, every February*)

Read the completed story aloud with your partner.
- 3 Read through the story of two British mountain climbers, Rachel Kelsey and Jeremy Colenso. Where were they? What went wrong? How were they saved? What does the text message mean?
- 4 Place the adverbs on the right of the story in the correct place in the same line (sometimes more than one place is possible). Add punctuation where necessary.
- 5 What background information are you given in the article? When does the actual story of what happened start?
- 6 Using the notes you made earlier, write the story of your dangerous experience (about 250 words).
 - Begin with background information.
 - Describe the events in the order they happened.
 - Make sure you use plenty of adverbs to describe people's feelings and actions.

Share your stories as a class, reading some of them aloud.

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Texting to the rescue

On a mid-September day, British climbers **Rachel Kelsey** and **Jeremy Colenso** were climbing in the Swiss Alps.

They were both experienced climbers. They left their base and the weather was good. They reached the summit, but as they started the climb down, an electric storm struck the mountain. Snow began to fall, making it difficult to see where they could put their hands and feet on the rock. After several frightening minutes, they found a narrow ledge and climbed onto it, hoping the snow would stop and they could continue their descent.

The snow did not stop and the temperature dropped to -10°C. 'We had to stay awake,' said Rachel, 'because it was so cold that we would have died. So we told stories, and rubbed our fingers and toes to keep them warm.'

They decided that they had to get help. But what could they do? Rachel had brought her mobile phone with her, but the only number contacts she had were in London. She sent a text message at 1.30 a.m. to get help. She sent the same text to five friends in the UK. It read: 'Need heli rescue off north ridge of Piz Badile, Switz'. They were all asleep, so nothing happened. At 5.00 a.m., one friend, Avery Cunliffe, got the message. He jumped into action, called the rescue services in Switzerland, and called Rachel to tell her that help was coming.

The weather was too bad for the helicopters to operate, but Avery kept sending text messages to the climbers. At about 10.00 p.m. they were lifted off the mountain. 'We owe our lives to Avery,' they said when they were back at base.

several years ago
high / with great confidence

relatively
easily
suddenly / heavily / extremely
safely
gratefully / desperately

however / dangerously
afterwards / undoubtedly
continuously

eventually / possibly / fortunately
unfortunately
in fact
urgently
for hours / then
immediately / then

for the next 24 hours
finally
safely
exhaustedly

