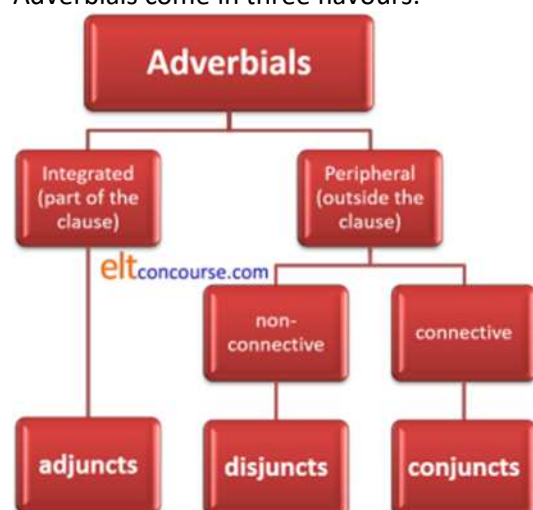# Adverbials 2

The three types of adverbial

Adverbials come in three flavours:

1. Decide what sort of **adverbial** is in each example:
   i) Adjunct: modifying <u>only</u> the verb phrase
   ii) Disjunct: modifying the <u>whole</u> clause
   iii) Conjunct: connecting <u>two</u> clauses

	Example	Type of adverbial
1	*She arrived **in a taxi***	
2	***Clearly**, that's wrong*	
3	*We need to go. **Otherwise** we'll miss the beginning*	
4	*She walked **through the park** **alone***	
5	*They came, **surprisingly**, and on time as well*	
6	***To me**, the policy makes no sense*	
7	***Speaking honestly**, I don't think she's any good at her job*	
8	*She succeeded **in doing the work***	
9	*Money's tight. It's probably enough, **though**.*	

What adjuncts do

2. Match the function with the example. What is the grammar?

	Example		Function
1	*They arrived **after we had eaten***		Amplifying
2	***First**, open the box slowly*		Approximating
3	*That's **completely** daft*		Downtoning
4	*She spoke **only** about the advantages*		Referring to the subject
5	*She arrived **in a taxi***		Place (spatial)
6	*They ate **al fresco***		Process
7	*He was **more or less** in the right place*		Sequencing
8	*They were **slightly** annoyed*		Time (temporal)
9	*She **deliberately** broke the glass*		Focus

What disjuncts do

There are only two functions:
- a) Style: to indicate what the speaker / writer wishes the hearer / reader to understand in terms of the <u>way</u> in which something is said.
- b) Attitude: to indicate how the speaker / writer feels about the <u>content</u> of what is being communicated. This is sometimes referred to as angle.

For example, in:

Frankly, *I don't trust him*

The word *frankly* is a style disjunct which expresses the fact that the speaker wants to be seen as being forthright and honest.

but in:

Clearly, *she is unhappy*

the word *clearly* is an attitude disjunct which expresses the fact that the speaker feels that something is obvious.

3.   Match the function to the example.

	Example		Function
1	**Honestly**, *I didn't even see you*		Attitude
2	**Politically**, *that's suicidal*		
3	*That's **obviously** daft*		Style
4	**Being truthful**, *I really don't know why*		

What conjuncts do

4.   Match the function to the example.

	Example		Function
1	*I take it, **then**, you aren't happy*		Enumerate
2	*She didn't help but **finally** she decided to*		Explain / exemplify
3	**By the same token**, *it's a difficult job*		Add / reinforce
4	**Nevertheless**, *I'm going tomorrow*		Rephrase
5	**Instead**, *let's try the new program*		Show result
6	**And that's why** *I was late.*		Equate
7	**By the by**, *have you been before?*		Replace
8	**What's more**, *he's incompetent*		Sum up
9	**So**, *that's the reason **in a nutshell***		Concede
10	**In other words**, *it's beyond repair*		Change the subject
11	*Take, **for example**, the first issue*		Infer / assume