

Episode 055 – Grammar

Adverbs to describe chronological order

Adverbs provide more information about when, where or how something happens. They refer to another word in the sentence (such as the verb) or to the sentence as a whole. Temporal adverbs give more information about when something happens. They indicate a point in time, a length of time, or frequency.

You've already learned temporal adverbs that express the day on which something happened:

gestern	yesterday
heute	today
morgen	tomorrow
übermorgen	the day after tomorrow

The following temporal adverbs give more information about points of time in a sequence.

Beginning	Middle (after an action)	End
<i>zuerst</i>	<i>dann</i>	<i>schließlich</i>
	<i>danach</i>	<i>zuletzt</i>
	<i>anschließend</i>	

Harry – gefangen in der Zeit

Begleitmaterialien

Examples:

Zuerst bin ich aufgewacht, und du warst nicht da.

Dann habe ich deine SMS gelesen. **Danach** habe ich auf dich gewartet.

Und **dann** bin ich ins Bett gegangen.

The adverbs are usually placed at the beginning of a sentence to give them extra emphasis.

Ich habe dann deine SMS gelesen.

Dann habe ich deine SMS gelesen.

