When, where or why: answers and notes

What your child practised: sorting adverbs by whether they tell us when (time), where (place) or why (cause), and choosing the right one for a gap (Year 3 grammar).

Page 1 · Warm up

soon: **when** · upstairs: **where** · therefore: **why** · away: **where**

Page 2 · Try it together

When? first, next, soon, later, today, yesterday
Where? upstairs, outside, nearby, here, away
Why? therefore

Page 2 · A. Ring and sort

1. **soon**: when · 2. **upstairs**: where
3. **Therefore**: why · 4. **nearby**: where

Page 3 · B. The best fit

1. **here** · 2. **later** ("will have" is in the future) · 3. **Therefore** · 4. **upstairs**

Page 3 · C. When and where

1. Soon (when), **outside** (where)
2. Yesterday (when), **upstairs** (where)
3. now (when), **here** (where)

Page 3 · D. My sentence

Answers will vary, for example: *Tomorrow we will play outside.*

Challenge: No. **There** tells us **where** ("Put it there"). He could check by asking "Does it answer When? or Where?", or spot the word "here" inside "there".

Watch out for

- **Then and there.** They look and sound alike. Then = when; there = where.
- **Sorting by spelling, not meaning.** Always ask the question with the word in a sentence: "Where did it run? Outside."
- **Joining words.** "Because" and "so" also explain why, but they are conjunctions (joining words), not adverbs. In Year 3, "therefore" is the adverb of cause.

Going further (5 minutes, no paper)

- **Question catch:** say an adverb; your child answers "When!", "Where!" or "Why!"
- **Three in one:** together, make up a sentence pair with all three kinds: "Soon it rained outside. Therefore, we went in."
- **In the game:** this is the last chapter. Play any chapter again to keep the words fresh.