



QUALIFYING WORDS AND PHRASES

Qualifying words and phrases **modify the conditions** which affect important ideas or situations. There are two kinds: *absolute* and *sometimes* words. Absolutes mean 100% of the time and sometimes words mean undefined portions or numbers of times.

Absolute words and phrases:

no - all - never | always | only - ever | none - no one | forever - every time

Sometimes words and phrases:

few - many | occasionally | some | most - somewhat | sometimes | usually - nearly | always

EMPHASIS WORDS AND PHRASES

These clues indicate a **degree of importance** of ideas and events in relation to each other.

above all - less important - most important - key idea - more importantly
the crux - main point - less so - a central fact - of significance

TIME AND ORDER WORDS AND PHRASES

Time and order words and phrases **indicate specific organization patterns** of ideas