

Reduction of Adverb Clauses

- An **adverb clause** can be shortened to an adverb phrase. This can be particularly helpful when you want to express your ideas in a more concise manner.

- Here are the rules for changing adverb clauses to modifying adverbial phrases:

1. The subjects of both the adverb clause and main clause must be the same.
2. Omit the subject of the adverb phrase and change the verb to –ing (present participle).

After ~~she~~ purchased ~~ed~~ the shoes, Maria decided to exchange them for a different color.

- **After purchasing** the shoes, Maria decided to exchange them for a different color.

Since ~~Marc came~~ to Los Angeles, he has learned much more English and made new friends.

Since coming to Los Angeles, Mark has learned much more English and made new friends.

- Before ~~she began~~ the new class, Alexa purchased a textbook and dictionary.

Before beginning the new class,
Alexa purchased a textbook and
dictionary.

- After ~~he did~~ military service, he became a monk.



- After **doing** military service, he became a monk.

- He wrote his first book **after** ~~he~~ ~~recovered~~ from a major illness.

- He wrote his first book **after** **recovering** from a major illness.