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**Adverbs** help us to understand how, when or where verbs are done.

**Comparative** and **superlative adverbs** compare how something happens or is done in relation to how it happened on a different occasion, or how it was done by someone or something else.

*We usually use the word 'more' in front of an adverb ending in 'ly' to form comparative. Superlative adverbs are formed by putting 'most' in front of adverbs that end in 'ly'. For adverbs that do not end in 'ly' the comparative is formed by adding 'er' and superlative by adding 'est'.*

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An **adverbial phrase** is a group of words without a verb which tells us more about the verb in the main clause.

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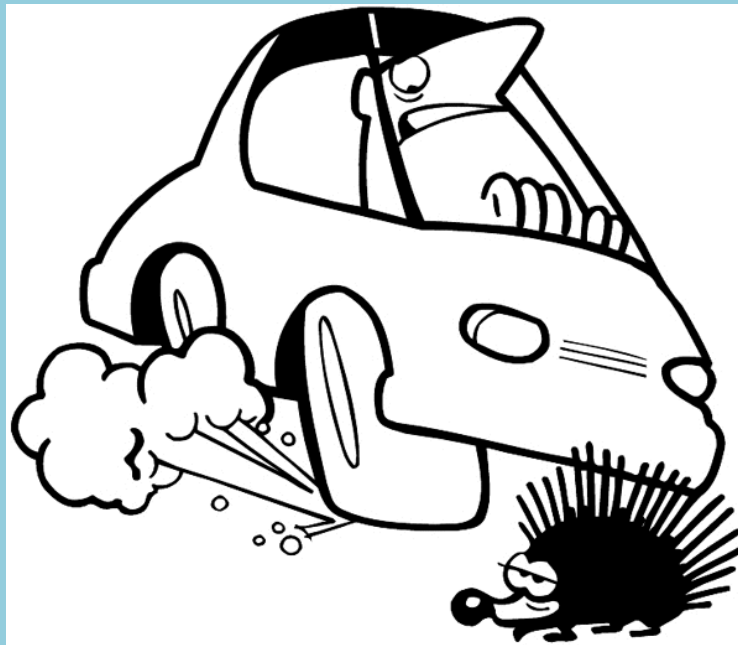
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The car skidded to a halt near the edge of a cliff.

- Adverbial phrase begins 'near ...' → answers the question 'where?'





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The snow blanketed the country with little mercy.

**Verb**

**Adverbial phrase**

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From time to time his car would break down.



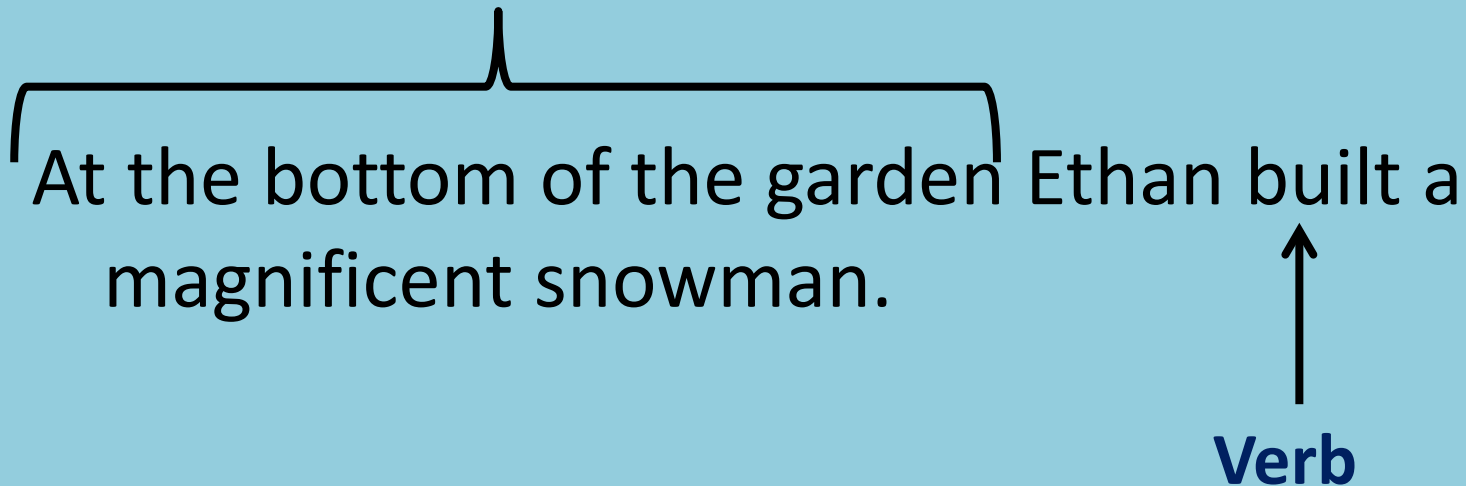
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**Verb**

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Can you add an adverbial phrase to these sentences:

I went to the shops ....

*How?*

I dug the garden ...

*When?*

I found a pound coin ...

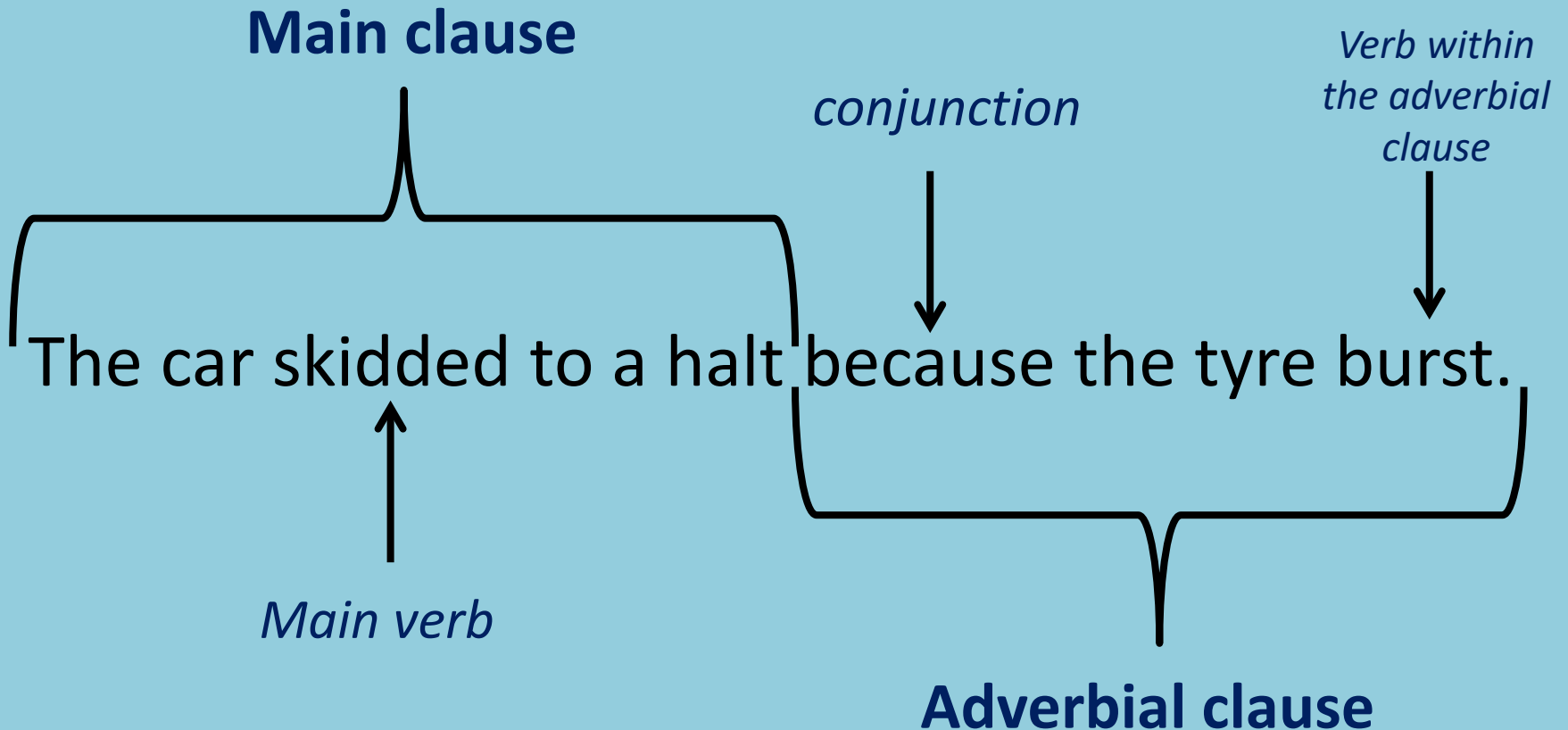
*Where?*

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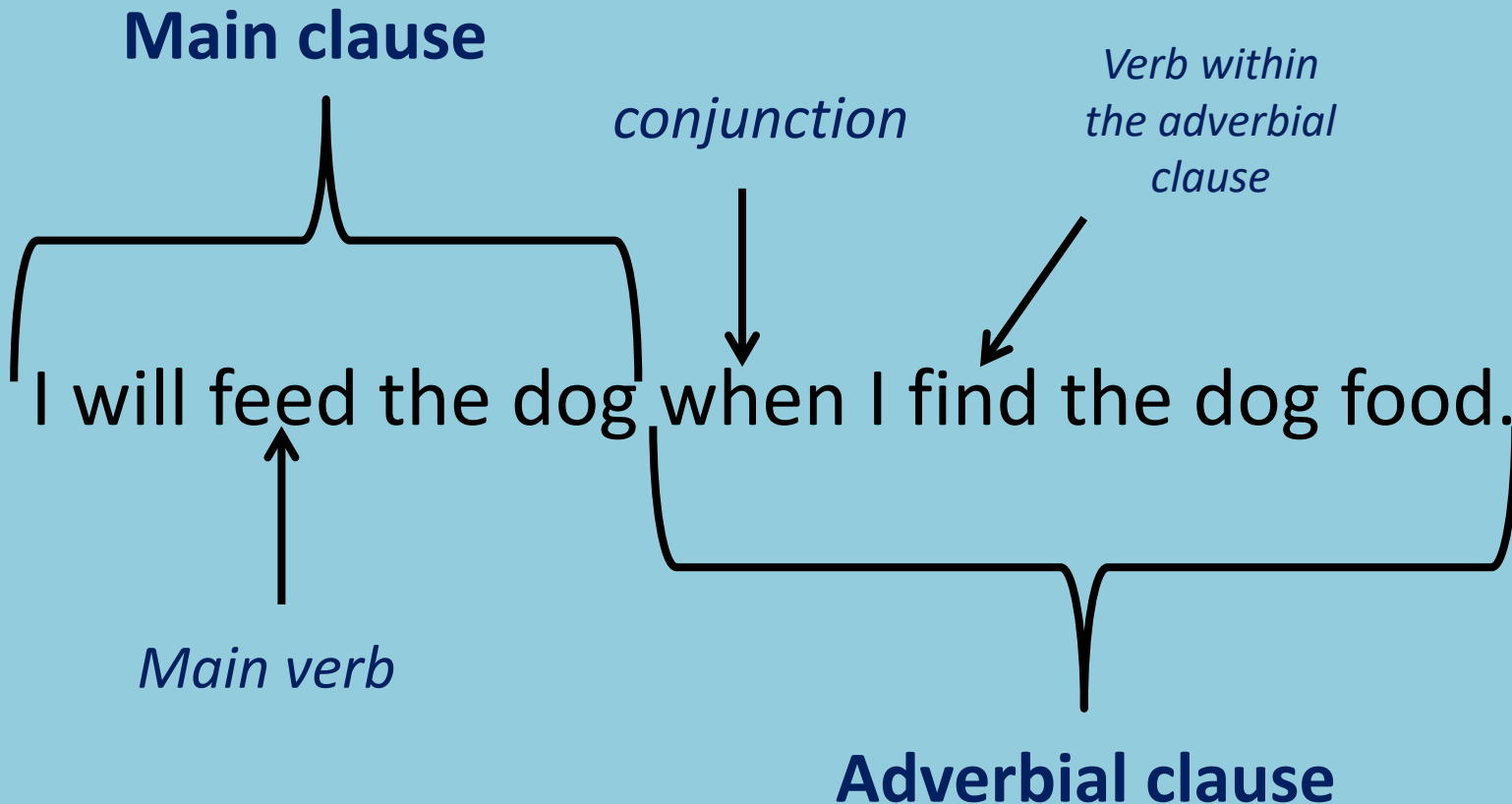
Another way of giving more information about the main verb is using an adverbial clause.

An adverbial clause tells us more about the verb in the main clause. Both the main clause and the adverbial clause contain verbs but the main clause can stand alone and make sense, the adverbial clause cannot. They begin with a conjunction *e.g. if, because, although, unless, even if, even though.*

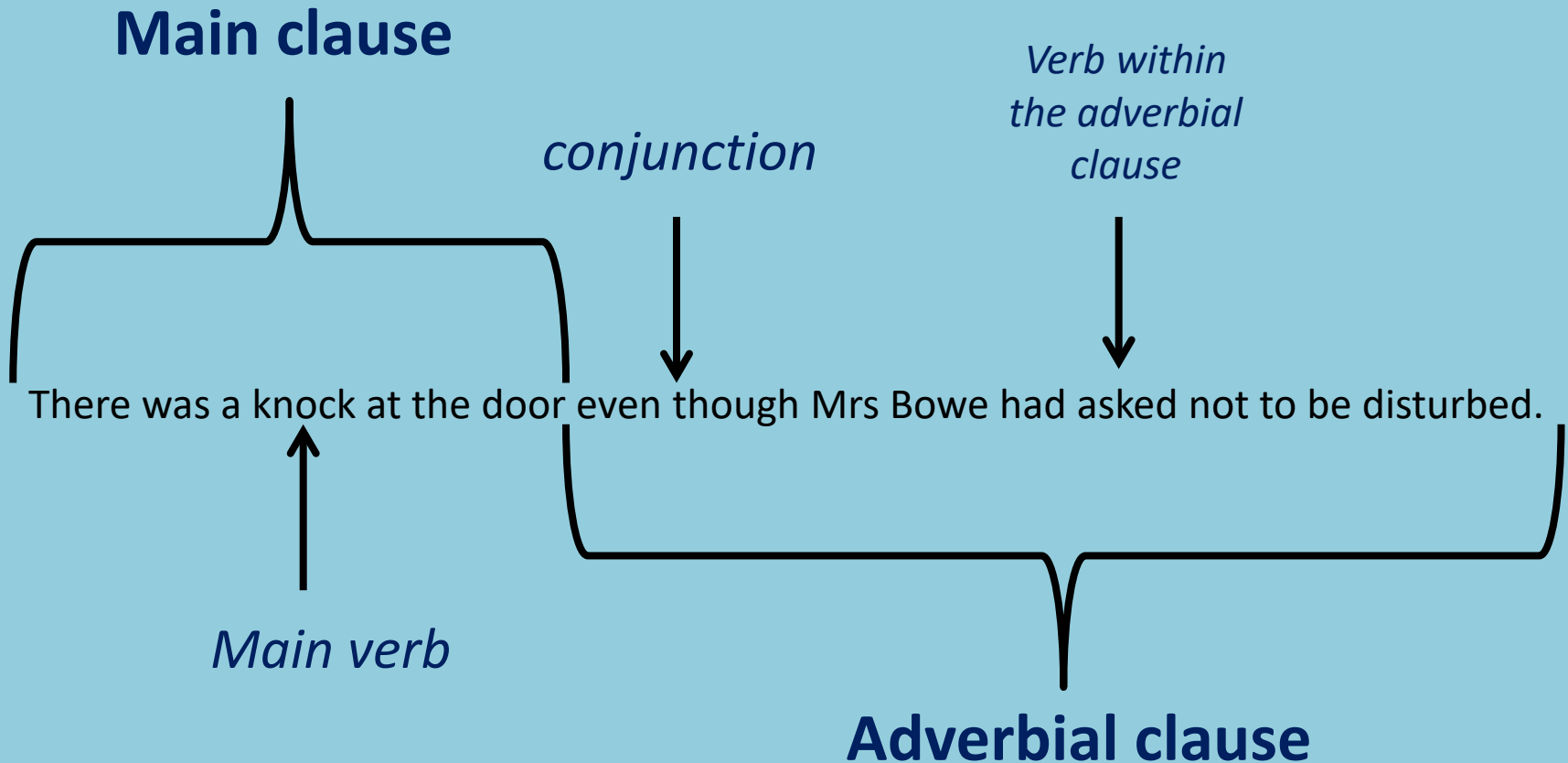
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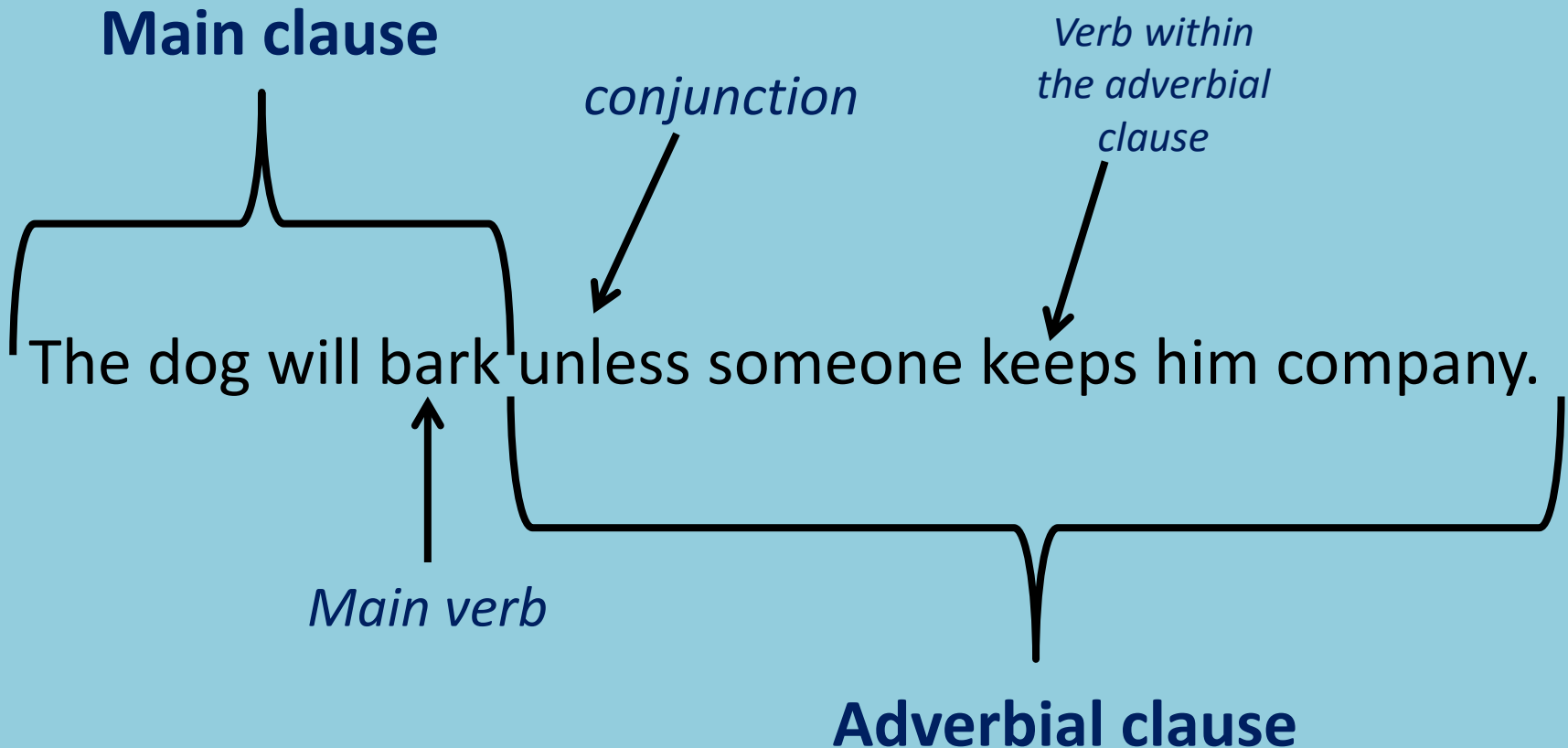


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Can you add an adverbial clause to these sentences:

We will catch the bus if ...

The dog chewed the jumper because ...

I don't want to go to the party even though ....

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***Stick the sheet in your book neatly!***

*Task 1:*

Underline the adverbial phrases in each sentence.

*Task 2:*

Underline the adverbial clauses in each sentence.

*Extension:*

Use adverbial phrases and clauses in sentences of your own.