Adverbials

Remember that an adverbial can be a phrase, a clause or just a word!

Underline the adverbials in each sentence. You have five minutes to complete this task!

- 1. At the time, I was too shocked to speak.
- 2. We were walking, without stopping, for almost three weeks.
- 3. With great caution, we approached the camp.
- 4. We were horribly nervous that they would turn us away.
- 5. Having gained entry, we all felt a huge sense of relief.
- 6. Inside a massive tent, people were sitting at desks and filling out forms of all descriptions.
- 7. Eventually, we were allocated a space and told that a tent would be found for us without delay.



Adding Adverbs and Adverbials

Improve this précis of the book 'The Island' by including some adverbs /adverbials. Remember to try to make the writing 'flow' within AND between the paragraphs.

The people of the island discovered a strange man on the beach. He stood up. The people stared at him and wondered where he had come from. He looked very different to them. The fisherman argued that he should not be sent back to sea, as it was far too dangerous. They took him in.

The people put him in a goat pen over the far side of the island. They went back to their everyday lives. The man appeared in town. He tried to tell the islanders that he was hungry, but no-one wanted to feed him. They said that they did not have enough food to go around, so the fisherman suggested that someone offer the man a job so that he could earn his keep. The people claimed that he would not be able to do any work on the island giving various, unconvincing reasons.

The innkeeper agreed to give him a few scraps of food, and the people took the man back to the goat pen and locked him in. The islanders began to feel scared of the man and talked about what might happen if he stayed with them on the island. They went to the goat pen, seized him, and drove him back into the sea. They burned the fisherman's boat because he had persuaded them to take in the man in the first place.

Adverbs/adverbials you could use

The next morning.... However....

Eventually.... Armed with.....,

Despite this,

Reluctantly.... As soon as he saw them....