

## English Adverbs: actually / currently / eventually / occasionally

These are some adverbs that can cause some confusion, since their meanings can be different in other languages.

eventually	=	finalmente	(English synonym: <i>finally</i> )
occasionally	=	eventualmente	(English synonym: <i>sometimes</i> )
currently	=	atualmente	(English synonym: <i>nowadays</i> )
actually	=	na verdade	(English synonym: <i>in truth</i> )
		pensando bem	(English synonym: <i>thinking about it</i> )

Let's look at some examples:

- Peter usually drinks tea in the mornings, but he **occasionally** drinks coffee.
- She is **currently** studying Japanese. Next year she intends to study Cantonese.
- Simon should be doing his homework, but **actually** he is playing video games.
- Penny has taken her driving test six times. I hope she will **eventually** pass!
- I would like two waffles, please. No, wait – three. Oh, maybe four would be better.  
**Actually**, I'll take six!

**Exercise.** Complete the sentences using “actually”, “currently”, “eventually” or “occasionally”:

1. What are you doing these days? I'm \_\_\_\_\_ working as a freelance reporter.
2. A: We have been driving for 5 hours!  
B: Don't worry – we will \_\_\_\_\_ arrive.
3. A: What are you going to do after college?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_, I think I'll travel abroad.
4. A: Do you go downtown very often? B: \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A: Are you watching a soap opera?  
B: I'm \_\_\_\_\_ watching TV, checking my messages and reading a book.
6. This course is so difficult! However, I'm sure that I will \_\_\_\_\_ understand it!
7. A: John – are you getting ready?  
B: \_\_\_\_\_ I'm already ready.
8. A: Can you update that report for me, please?  
B: I'm sorry – our computers are \_\_\_\_\_ without power.
9. My mum always visits my brother, but only \_\_\_\_\_ visits me. It's not fair!
10. A: Can I come visit you next weekend?  
B: Yes, sure, of course! No, wait. \_\_\_\_\_, it's not a good idea, because Janet and her six kids will be here.