Ed-clauses

Now ***to that****—by our wall—the e was this ruddy great lorry again.* (CONV)

We measured a seasonal total of 56.99 cm precipitation in the two caged rain gauges, ***compared to 56.78 cm on the open plots.*** (ACAD)

To-infinitive clauses

She called me ***to say a lawyer was starting divorce proceedings.*** (FICT

T reintroduce us to the joys of story telling round the log fire, *Signals rounded up a slightly disconcerting group of five con emporary writers, all strange to me.* (NEWS)

Verbless clauses

One practice is to designate protons ***as if less than this.*** (ACAD)

The author apologizes ***where appropriate.*** (ACAD †)

10.1.2.1 Syntactic realizations of the three adverbial classes

CORPUS FINDINGS [1,2]

- ➤ In terms of overall frequency, prepositional phrases are the most common syntactic realization of adverbials.
- ➤ Adverbs are also r lati ely com on as adv rbials.
- ➤ In om arison, fi ıite la ses, non-fin te clauses, oun phrases and dver hrases ar rel i ely rare.

T ble 0.1 veral freque cy dis ributi n of sy t ctic forms o d e b a s c u r n e e i l o ords

each ■ r presents 5 000 e r s n s l s h n 2 5 0

a v r s	■
r s s	□
no n phras s	■
r pos tiona p rases	■■■ ■■■■ ■
fin te lauses	■■
non-fi ite clau es	■

In te ms f roportional se, only ci cum tance adv rbials show a str ng p e erence for prepos tio al phr ses.

- ➤ Si gle ad erbs ac ount f r about 0% f circum ta ce adv rbials.

In contrast, s ance ad erb als s ow a st ong referen e f r sin le adv rb .

- ➤ Abo t half of s ance ad erbials are ealized by ingle adv rbs.
- ➤ Prep siti n l phra es and nite lauses eac a cou t for bout 15–20 of sta ce adverb als.
- ➤ Li ing adverb al display the stro gest ass ci tion with a si gle synt cti form: alm s 80 o the inking dve bi ls are realized b single ad erb .

D SCU SION OF FIN INGS

he high frequen y of prepos tional phrase as adv rbi ls is due to heir c mm n us as circumst nce adverbials (by far the most common class of adverbials; 10.1.1.1). Prepositional phrases are particularly suited to use as circumstance