Get the right adverbial!

1 Read the sentences below and replace the incorrect adverbial with the correct one from the box.

apparently       on the other hand       with hindsight       seemingly       however
believe it or not       broadly speaking       fundamentally       up to a point

a) The flexible working hour scheme in our department store just didn’t work out. Often there was nobody working at a till during our busiest time.  
   Apparently we should have requested that all staff worked between 1pm and 3pm.

b) The shareholders were presented with the new plan to develop our business this morning. Looking back they didn’t like the plan at all and rejected the proposal.

c) How much of Jordan’s business success is due to his family’s business empire? Fundamentally this may be true, but Jordan shows charisma and interpersonal skills of his own which guarantee his success in business.

d) I researched all aspects of running a foundation very thoroughly. On the other hand, it is hugely rewarding.

e) Our company is keen to point out that promotion prospects are excellent for all employees. Up to a point, most good employees are promoted within 18 months of joining the company.

f) Seemingly this tennis club believes in players having fun playing and learning in order to improve their game.

g) Essentially after a really poor sales year in our company, our chief executive still gave everyone a Christmas bonus.

h) Many customers are unconvinced by food stores pledging to lower costs in the next two to three years. Essentially customers are contemplating becoming as self-sufficient as possible in order to avoid buying food.

2 Work with your partner. Write a sentence using each of the adverbials below:

surprisingly enough       essentially       on the other hand
looking back       to a certain extent       by and large
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TEACHER’S NOTES:

Aim: to provide further practice of sentence adverbials. This worksheet is designed to be used in conjunction with unit 5.3.

Time: 40 minutes

Materials: copy of the worksheet for each student

1. Ask students replace the incorrect adverbial in each sentence with the correct one from the box. Tell them that there is one adverbial in the box that they will not need to use. Elicit the answers from the class.

   **Answers:** a) With hindsight; b) However; c) Up to a point; d) Apparently; e) Broadly speaking; f) Fundamentally; g) Believe it or not; h) Seemingly

2. Students write six sentences – one for each of the adverbials listed. Refer them to p.68 of the Students Book if they need to check on how any of the adverbials are used. Monitor as they work. Ask pairs to swap so they can read each other’s sentences. Ask pairs to read out some of their sentences to the class.