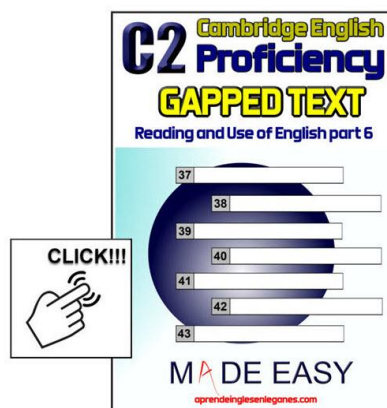


ALTERNATELY OR ALTERNATIVELY?



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ALTERNATELY ADVERB

if two things happen alternately, they follow each other in a regular way, one after the other

- He felt alternately hot and cold.
- The film is alternately depressing and amusing.
- During the show she's accompanied alternately by a piano and a guitar.

ALTERNATIVELY ADVERB

used to suggest another possibility:

- Do you want to come with us in the car? Alternatively, we could meet you somewhere in town.
- The agency will make travel arrangements for you. Alternatively, you can organize your own transport.

ALTERNATE

Verb - to happen or exist one after the other repeatedly:

- She alternated between cheerfulness and deep despair.

Adjective - with first one thing, then another thing, and then the first thing again:

- The weather forecast predicted alternate periods of rain and sunshine throughout the day.

If something happens on alternate days, weeks, months, etc. it happens every second day, week, month, etc:

- We are open on alternate Saturdays throughout the year.

ALTERNATIVE

Noun - a thing that you can choose to do or have out of two or more possibilities

- The car is too expensive so we're trying to find a cheaper alternative.
- Fruit juice is provided as an alternative to alcoholic drinks.

Adjective - An alternative plan or method is one that you can use if you do not want to use another one:

- The opposition parties have so far failed to set out an alternative strategy.