

Comparing similar adverbs

Ref Hsk5 Grammar

vs — “often”

Both mean “often” and overlap heavily as **adverbs**. The split is about word-class: can *also* be an **adjective** (“regular”:), and its negative is clean (). is purely an adverb, and grates — use instead.

{zh: |wǒ|I / |cháng cháng|often / |shōu dào|get / |lā jī|spam /
|duǎn xìn|texts / 。 }

I often get spam texts.

{zh: |tā|her / |wàng|forgetting / |dài|to bring / |yào shi|her keys /
|shì|is / |jīng cháng|a regular / |de / |shì|thing / 。 }

Forgetting her keys is a regular thing for her.

Remember: as adverbs, twins; only also works as an **ADJECTIVE** (, “a regular occurrence”). And negate with / — never the clunky .

Watch out

- If it modifies a *noun* (), only fits.