



Fronted Adverbials:

What Is a Fronted Adverbial?



Aim

- I can recognise and use fronted adverbials.

Success Criteria

- I know that fronted adverbials are words, phrases or clauses that come before the main clause in a sentence.
- I know that fronted adverbials modify the verb or the main clause by describing the time, frequency, manner, place or possibility.
- I can use a comma after a fronted adverbial.
- I can write my own fronted adverbials using the acronym 'ISPACE'.

Fronted Adverbial Hunt

What is an adverbial?

An adverbial is a word, phrase or clause that is used, like an adverb, to modify a verb or a clause. Adverbs can be used as adverbials, but many other types of words, phrases and clauses can be used in this way, including prepositional phrases and subordinate clauses.

What is a fronted adverbial?

When an adverbial is used at the beginning of a sentence, they are often called 'fronted adverbials'.



Next Steps: Types of Fronted Adverbial

Fronted adverbials are used to describe...

the **time** something happens,

e.g. **Before sunrise**, Darius crept into the beast's cave.

the **frequency** (how often) something happens,

e.g. **Every so often**, Darius could hear the beast's ferocious snore.

the **place** something happens,

e.g. **At the back of the cave**, the terrifying creature began to stir.

the **manner** something happens,

e.g. **As quick as a flash**, Darius bounded behind a nearby rock.

the **possibility** (how likely) something will/has happen(ed),

e.g. **Almost certainly**, the deadly beast would find Darius.

Did you notice
how the fronted
adverbials were
punctuated?

Next Steps: Adding Commas

Every fronted adverbial word, phrase or clause needs to be followed by a comma to separate it from the main clause of the sentence.

Slowly and carefully, they released the juvenile badger back into the wild.

This fronted adverbial describes the manner of the action in the main clause?

Next Steps: Adding Commas

Look at where the comma is placed.

On Tuesday, Class 12 are visiting
The Imperial War Museum.

This fronted adverbial describes the time of the action in the main clause.

Next Steps: Adding Commas

Look at where the comma is placed in this sentence.

Without a doubt, Billy was going to finish the race in first place.

This fronted adverbial describes the possibility of the action in the main clause.

Next Steps: Adding Commas

Look at where the comma is placed in this sentence.

Out in the field, the horse and
her new foal galloped.

This fronted adverbial describes the place of the action in the main clause.

Fronted Adverbial Hunt

Can you spot the fronted adverbials in this piece of text? Do they describe the **time**, **frequency**, **manner**, **place** or **possibility** of the action in the main clause?

Against all the odds, Captain Curk got to his rocket before his oxygen supply ran out. Back in the safety of his shuttle, he removed his helmet and began to prepare for take-off. Suddenly, there was a loud crash at the shuttle door. The aliens must have caught up with him. Feeling intimidated, the captain quickly strapped himself into his seat as the door began to buckle. Almost certainly, the aliens would capture him if he didn't leave this planet right away. With a trembling finger, he pressed the launch button...10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1...BLAST OFF!

Seconds later, Curk was in the air but something was wrong. The fuel tank gauge showed a dangerously low level of fuel. The extra-terrestrial creatures must have caused it to leak. Sputtering noisily, the spacecraft started to stall. What was the captain going to do?

Fronted Adverbial Hunt Answers

Time, **frequency**, **manner**, **place** or **possibility**?

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Writing Your Own Fronted Adverbials: ISPACE

Using ISPACE can help you remember six different ways to create fronted adverbials...



-Ing word

e.g. Shaking with fear, ...



Simile

e.g. Like a raging bull, ...



Preposition

e.g. Behind the clouds, ...



Adverb

e.g. Anxiously, ...



Conjunction

e.g. After he opened his eyes, ...



-Ed word

e.g. Exhausted, ...

Practise Your Skills



Now, it's your turn.

Using the ISPACE acronym to help, can you invent a fronted adverbial to describe the time, frequency, manner, place or possibility of the action in this main clause?

_____, the jubilant winner of the talent contest celebrated.

How does changing the fronted adverbial affect the meaning of the whole sentence?

Practise Your Skills



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_____, the parachutist
landed with a bump.

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_____, the trees were covered with a fine dusting of snow.

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_____, she began to cry.

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_____, the audience gasped.

How does changing the fronted adverbial affect the meaning of the whole sentence?

Your task

All challenges must complete the '**Fronted adverbials activity**' sheet, located on the website, by adding appropriate fronted adverbials, where necessary, to the rainforest text.

There is also 'Fronted adverbials word map' on the website to help you when completing the activity.