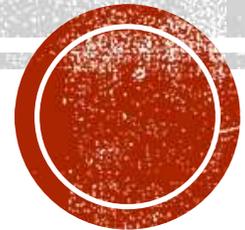


# **LO: TO IDENTIFY AND USE FRONTED ADVERBIALS**

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# WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

- When you write your story, using fronted adverbials really help the reader understand where, when or how an event is happening. Fronted adverbials also help structure your writing.



# WHAT IS A FRONTED ADVERBIAL?

## 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. Where should the comma go in this fronted adverbial sentence?

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

Does the fronted adverbial describe the time, frequency, manner, place or possibility of the action in the main clause?



# NEXT STEPS: ADDING COMMAS

Where should the comma go in this fronted adverbial sentence?

On Tuesday Class 12 are visiting  
The Imperial War Museum.

Does the fronted adverbial describe the time, frequency, manner,  
place or possibility of the action in the main clause?



# NEXT STEPS: ADDING COMMAS

Where should the comma go in this fronted adverbial sentence?

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

Does the fronted adverbial describe the time, frequency, manner,  
place or possibility 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?



# 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.

Let's hear some of your fronted adverbial ideas. How does changing the fronted adverbial affect the meaning of the whole sentence?



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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 parachutist  
landed with a bump.

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# 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 trees were covered with a fine dusting of snow.

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# TASK OPTION 1:

## Adverbial Sort

Cut out the adverbial phrases on the following page and then glue them in the correct column.  
You can then use this sheet for ideas when writing.

Manner	Time	Place



with a flick of his wand

after eating lunch

running quickly

as the sun was rising

like a giant

last week

with a huge smile

for three years

as cold as ice

when the taxi arrived

without a sound

during the film

in a forest clearing

behind the teacher's desk

below the crashing waves

all along the road

through the park

on the rocks



# Fronted Adverbials Writing Prompt

## Using Fronted Adverbials in Independent Writing

### TASK OPTION 2:

Look at this picture taken of the London marathon.



Using some of the fronted adverbials in the table below, write a description of this picture. The first sentence has been done for you. Remember to always place a comma after the fronted adverbial to separate it from the main clause.

Time	Place	Manner
On Sunday 23rd April	Behind the metal barriers	With a determined look
As he was running	Below the beating sun	Feeling exhausted
Whilst the crowd cheered	On their T-shirts	Without slowing



