

Y4 Fronted Adverbials

KS2 Y4 English · Follows the national curriculum

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

1. Worked example

Move the adverbial to the front: 'The owl hooted at midnight.'

Step 1 · Find the adverbial

at midnight (it tells us when)

Step 2 · Move it to the front with a capital letter

At midnight

Step 3 · Add a comma, then the rest of the sentence

At midnight, the owl hooted.

Answer: At midnight, the owl hooted.

Check: The comma separates the adverbial from the main clause.

2. Now try one with the steps

Add the comma: 'Across the playground the children raced.'

Step 1 · Where does the fronted adverbial end?

Step 2 · Comma after the last word of the adverbial

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. What is a fronted adverbial?

2. Underline the fronted adverbial: 'Last week, Amir broke his arm.'

3. Add the comma: 'Suddenly the door creaked open.'

4. Add the comma: 'In the corner of the room a spider spun its web.'

5. When, where or how? 'Behind the sofa, the puppy was hiding.'

6. When, where or how? 'Early on Monday, the builders arrived.'

7. When, where or how? 'As gently, Grandad lifted the kitten.'

8. Move the adverbial to the front: 'The match started after school.'

9. Correct this: 'During the night the snow, fell.'

10. Write a sentence about a football match starting with a time adverbial.

11. Write a sentence about a cat starting with a manner adverbial.

12. Write a sentence about a castle starting with a place adverbial.

13. Rewrite with a fronted adverbial to make it more exciting: 'The dragon woke up.'

14. Explain why a writer might start some sentences with a fronted adverbial.

4. Before you hand it in

Later that day I heard the news.

Later that day, I heard the news.

In the middle, of the night we heard a noise.

In the middle of the night, we heard a noise. Find the end of the whole adverbial first.

Starting every sentence with a fronted adverbial.

Mix them up: some sentences with a fronted adverbial, some starting with the subject.

Adding a comma when the adverbial is at the end: 'We played rounders, after lunch.'

We played rounders after lunch. The comma rule is for FRONTED adverbials.