

Varied Fluency

Step 3: Fronted Adverbials

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 4: (4G5.6b) [Using fronted adverbials](#)

English Year 4: (4G5.6b) [Fronted adverbials \[for example, Later that day, I heard the bad news.\]](#)

English Year 4: (4G5.6b) [Using commas after fronted adverbials](#)

English Year 4: (4G5.6b) [Use commas after fronted adverbials](#)

Terminology for pupils:

- (4G1.6a) [adverbial](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support using time, place, and descriptive fronted adverbials in sentences with one or two simple clauses or phrases (for example: Finally, we all went to the cinema).

Expected Questions to support using time, place, and descriptive fronted adverbials in sentences with two expanded clauses (for example: A few rows behind, there are some seats with extra legroom).

Greater Depth Questions to support using time, place, and descriptive fronted adverbials in sentences with multiple clauses and adverbials (for example: Shortly after, following a tense few minutes on the pitch, another goal flew into the back of the net).

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1a. Circle the sentence below which has used a fronted adverbial.

- A. We all went into the cinema before it rained.
- B. Finally, we all went to the cinema.
- C. We all went to the cinema quickly.



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1b. Circle the sentence below which has used a fronted adverbial.

- A. Firstly, you should visit the museum.
- B. You should visit the museum before you do anything else.
- C. We will certainly visit the new exhibition.



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2a. Insert a comma after the fronted adverbial in the sentence below.

Eventually we all made it to Harriet's birthday party.



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2b. Insert a comma after the fronted adverbial in the sentence below.

Sadly Emma lost her dog at the beach.



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3a. True or false? The adverbial used in the sentence below is an adverbial of place and can be moved to the front of the sentence.

I bought an expensive chocolate bar from the corner shop.



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3b. True or false? The adverbial used in the sentence below is an adverbial of time and can be moved to the front of the sentence.

You will find many tasty snacks in the top cupboard.



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4a. Identify which adverbial in the sentence below can be moved to the beginning of the sentence.

I parked my car under the bridge this morning.



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4b. Identify which adverbial in the sentence below can be moved to the beginning of the sentence.

The ladies were still dancing in high heels at midnight.



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5a. Circle the sentence below which has used a fronted adverbial.

- A. Suzie walked past the beach after she had finished shopping.
- B. After finishing her shopping, Suzie went for a walk along the beach.
- C. Suzie liked to collect shells when she went walking on the beach.



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5b. Circle the sentence below which has used a fronted adverbial.

- A. We always sit next to the window above the wing.
- B. Children usually choose the window seat so that they get the best view during the flight.
- C. A few rows behind, there are some seats with extra legroom.



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6a. Insert a comma after the fronted adverbial in the sentence below.

On a Monday evening my children both have dancing lessons with different teachers.



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6b. Insert a comma after the fronted adverbial in the sentence below.

Before long the lost dog returned unharmed to his relieved owner.



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7a. True or false? The adverbial used in the sentence below is an adverbial of frequency and can be moved to the front of the sentence.

The mouse was frequently seen running around in the kitchen, avoiding the cat.



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7b. True or false? The adverbial used in the sentence below is an adverbial of frequency and can be moved to the front of the sentence.

My sister is usually in trouble when she sulks in her bedroom and ignores everyone.



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8a. Identify which adverbial in the sentence below can be moved to the beginning of the sentence.

The driver pulled over somewhere near here, and frantically ran out of the car towards the river.



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8b. Identify which adverbial in the sentence below can be moved to the beginning of the sentence.

He left the party earlier than planned so he could rest before his important cricket match the following day.



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9a. Circle the sentence below which has used a fronted adverbial.

- A. A beautiful second goal flew into the back of the net after a few agonising minutes on the pitch.
- B. Shortly after, following a tense few minutes on the pitch, another goal flew into the back of the net.
- C. All the spectators cheered as another shot zoomed effortlessly into the net.



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9b. Circle the sentence below which has used a fronted adverbial.

- A. Carefully, without making a sound, Tommy unbuckled Esme and carried her into the house.
- B. Tommy crouched down awkwardly and unbuckled his daughter without disturbing her sleep.
- C. Esme, who was blissfully unaware of what was happening, was lifted up.



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10a. Insert a comma after the fronted adverbial in the sentence below.

To annoyingly make matters worse, after being delayed in the airport for three hours, Ben's suitcase couldn't be located.



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10b. Insert a comma after the fronted adverbial in the sentence below.

A few hours later that day despite Olive's repeated presses of the doorbell, nobody answered and she began to worry.



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11a. True or false? The adverbial of frequency used in the sentence below can be moved to the front of the sentence.

Much to her disappointment, during the holidays, Julia rarely had many visitors.



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11b. True or false? The adverbial of frequency used in the sentence below can be moved to the front of the sentence.

Oddly enough, Richard, who normally had a great sense of direction, couldn't find his way back to his hotel.



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12a. Identify which adverbial in the sentence below can be moved to the beginning of the sentence.

It's really important to eat more carbohydrates than usual before a big race as the muscles in your body will store more energy allowing for plenty of exercise.



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12b. Identify which adverbial in the sentence below can be moved to the beginning of the sentence.

Melanie had wanted a promotion in the company for a long time although it was unlikely to happen now as her new manager wasn't very fond of her.



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Developing

- 1a. **B**
- 2a. Eventually, we all made it to Harriet's birthday party.
- 3a. **True.** *From the corner shop* is an adverbial of place. The sentence could read: From the corner shop, I bought an expensive chocolate bar.
- 4a. **This morning,** I parked my car under the bridge.

Expected

- 5a. **B**
- 6a. On a Monday evening, my children both have dancing lessons with different teachers.
- 7a. **True.** Frequently, the mouse was seen running around in the kitchen, avoiding the cat.
- 8a. **Somewhere near here,** the driver pulled over and frantically ran out of the car towards the river.

Greater Depth

- 9a. **B**
- 10a. To annoyingly make matters worse, after being delayed in the airport for three hours, Ben's suitcase couldn't be located.
- 11a. **False** because the sentence doesn't flow as smoothly if *rarely* is placed at the front of the sentence.
- 12a. **Before a big race,** it's really important to eat more carbohydrates than usual as the muscles in your body will store more energy allowing for plenty of exercise.

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- 1b. **A**
- 2b. Sadly, Emma lost her dog at the beach.
- 3b. **False** because *in the top cupboard* is an adverbial of place. The sentence could read: In the top cupboard, you will find many tasty snacks.
- 4b. **At midnight,** the ladies were still dancing in high heels.

Expected

- 5b. **C**
- 6b. Before long, the lost dog returned unharmed to his relieved owner.
- 7b. **True.** Usually, my sister is in trouble when she sulks in her bedroom and ignores everyone.
- 8b. **Earlier than planned,** he left the party so he could rest before his important cricket match the following day.

Greater Depth

- 9b. **A**
- 10b. A few hours later that day, despite Olive's repeated presses of the doorbell, nobody answered and she began to worry.
- 11b. **False** because the sentence doesn't flow as smoothly if *normally* is placed at the front of the sentence.
- 12b. **For a long time,** Melanie had wanted a promotion in the company although it was unlikely to happen now as her manager wasn't very fond of her.