

Year 4

Worksheet 1: Fronted Adverbials

Fronted Adverbials Rules

An adverbial is a word or phrase that gives more information about an action (telling us **when**, **where**, or **how** it happened). When we move this phrase to the very front of the sentence, it becomes a **fronted adverbial**.

Here are the main rules for using them in Year 4:

1. **The Comma Rule:** You must always place a comma immediately after the fronted adverbial to separate it from the rest of the sentence (e.g., **Later that day**, the sun came out).
2. **Time (When):** Tells the reader when something happened (e.g., **Before sunrise**, the birds began to sing).
3. **Place (Where):** Tells the reader where something happened (e.g., **Deep inside the cave**, a bear slept).
4. **Manner (How):** Tells the reader how something happened (e.g., **Without a sound**, the cat pounced).

For each question below, follow the instructions to rewrite the sentence, add missing punctuation, or complete the blank spaces.

1. Add the missing comma to this **time** fronted adverbial sentence:

As the clock struck midnight the spooky house fell silent.

Answer:

2. Rewrite this sentence so the underlined **place** phrase becomes a fronted adverbial. Remember your comma!

The fierce dragon guarded his gold deep inside the volcano.

Answer:

3. Choose a suitable **time** fronted adverbial from the box below to complete this sentence:

| Suddenly, | In the morning, | For three hours, |

_____ the tired marathon runner finally crossed the finish line.

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4. Add the missing comma to this manner fronted adverbial sentence:

With a bright smile the teacher welcomed the children into the classroom.

Answer:

5. Rewrite this sentence so the underlined manner phrase becomes a fronted adverbial. Remember your comma!

The young boy opened his birthday presents with great excitement.

Answer:

6. Rewrite this sentence so the underlined time phrase becomes a fronted adverbial. Remember your comma!

We are going on a school trip to the museum tomorrow morning.

Answer:

7. Insert the missing comma after the fronted adverbial.

Under the garden bridge a tiny green frog sat waiting for a fly.

Answer:

8. Choose a suitable **manner** fronted adverbial from the box below to complete this sentence:

| Without warning, | Bravely, | Sadly, |

_____ the knight stepped into the dark forest to face the monster.

9. Rewrite this sentence so the underlined place phrase becomes a fronted adverbial. Remember your comma!

A beautiful eagle soared above the clouds.

Answer:

10. Complete this sentence by adding your own exciting **time** fronted adverbial:

_____, the space rocket blasted off into the starry sky.