

Fronted Adverbials



What is a fronted adverbial?

A **fronted adverbial** is a word or group of words which come at the **front** of the sentence. They often detail **how, when, where** or **why** the verb in the clause happened.

Example:

The dog **wagged** his tail. (wagged is the verb)

Happily, the dog **wagged** his tail. (How)

At dinner time, the dog **wagged** his tail. (When)

In the park, the dog **wagged** his tail. (Where)

Because he had his ball, the dog **wagged** his tail. (Why)



Have you noticed how fronted adverbials are punctuated?



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Using fronted adverbials

You can use **TRaMP** to help you remember the different types of fronted adverbial.



Examples of fronted adverbials

TRAMP

Time	Reason	Manner	Place
<p>In the morning</p> <p>Before long</p> <p>Eventually</p> <p>In the blink of an eye</p> <p>Fortnightly</p> <p>Next year</p>	<p>Because</p> <p>Due to the fact</p> <p>As a result of</p> <p>While</p> <p>Hence</p> <p>Consequently</p>	<p>Bravely</p> <p>Mysteriously</p> <p>Anxiously</p> <p>Suddenly</p> <p>As quick as a flash</p> <p>Without a sound</p>	<p>Above the clouds</p> <p>Below the sea</p> <p>Upstairs</p> <p>Behind the fence</p> <p>Inside the box</p> <p>Far away</p>



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Can you match the correct fronted adverbial to the sentence so that it makes sense?

Fronted adverbials	Main clause
In the distance,	he went to play with his friends.
After lunch,	she tiptoed across the room.
Bravely,	Sarah could see the sea.
Without a sound,	the soldier battled on.

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After lunch, he went to play with this friends.

Bravely, the soldier battled on.

Without a sound, she tiptoed across the room.

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Can you add a clause to follow on from this fronted adverbial?
How many different endings can you think of?

In the dead of night, _____



Using fronted adverbials

Use a fronted adverbial to complete the following sentences:

_____, the creature climbed to the top of the castle walls.

_____, she waited for the number 10 bus.

_____, Sam had vanished!

_____, the rocket landed on the dusty surface.