



# Fronted Adverbials

**Adverbials** are **words or phrases** that give more information to the sentence. They tell the reader 'when', 'where' or 'how' something is happening.

**"I discovered fronted adverbials, earlier today."**

'Earlier today' is the adverbial.

**"Earlier today, I discovered fronted adverbials."**

A fronted adverbial is when the adverbial word or phrase is moved to the front of the sentence, before the verb. So here, 'earlier today' is a fronted adverbial. A fronted adverbial is always followed by a comma.

Find out more about fronted adverbials by visiting the website below;

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/zp937p3>

Sometimes fronted adverbials explain the manner or how something was done.

Example - **In a hurry**, I raced down the stairs.

Sometimes fronted adverbials explain when something happened.

Example - **Before playtime**, we did our Literacy lesson.

Sometimes fronted adverbials explain where something happened.

Example - **In the heart of the forest**, Jub released the happy endings.

**Task 1 - Fronted Adverbials Hunt - Can you spot the fronted adverbials in the paragraph below and write them in your book.**

Before sunrise, I woke up and immediately ate my breakfast. In the blink of an eye, my breakfast had vanished from my plate. It was my favourite breakfast of Weetabix with strawberries and a dollop of Nutella so I had eaten it super speedily. After I had got dressed, I decided to go outside to play on my brand new, emerald green bike. It has front suspension so I can quickly cycle downhill on it. Before long, it began to rain so I reluctantly put my bike away in the shed and went back inside. In the kitchen, I could smell pizza bubbling away in the oven which made my tummy grumble.

**Challenge:**

Explain which fronted adverbial tells you

1. **How** something happened (**manner/how**)
2. **When** something happened (**time**)
3. **Where** something happened (**location/pace**)

**Task 2 - Can you spot which sentences have the comma after the fronted adverbial? Complete the quiz below.**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aRs4QpiL1Eaq12clbvmII7DLKsortsVMtIBy4ga9UcBUOE9ONk1CMjEzUTJXMFVYNVETE9SRjA0WS4u>

Fronted adverbials help us to add detail to our writing and describe exactly when, where or how things are happening.

**Task 3 - Think about the story 'The Scarab's Secret.' Can you write 8 sentences linked to the story that begin with fronted adverbials?**

Use the word mat below to think of fronted adverbials you could use. Remember to put the comma in the correct place.

Example - Bravely, Khepri scuttled across the marble floor to warn the Prince.



## Adverbials mat

Fronted adverbials mat		
How (manner)	When (time)	Where (location)
Cruelly,	Immediately,	In a hidden corner of the temple,
As fast as they could,	In a blink of an eye,	Down the left hand path,
Unexpectedly,	All of a sudden,	From the shadows,
Mysteriously,	Eventually,	Everywhere he looked,
Without a sound,	Later that day,	Inside the basket,
Bravely,	After a while,	In the distance,