

Varied Fluency

Step 2: Recognising Fronted Adverbials 1

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](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support identifying and using fronted adverbials. Includes time adverbials and those that end in '-ly'.

Expected Questions to support identifying and using fronted adverbials. Adverbials include those of time (e.g. soon), manner (e.g. bravely), place (e.g. outside) and frequency (e.g. sometimes).

Greater Depth Questions to support identifying and using fronted adverbials in sentences containing expanded clauses. Includes adverbials of degree (e.g. totally surprised, definitely angry).

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1a. Tick the sentence which contains a fronted adverbial.

Quickly, the boy ran the race.

The boy ran the race.



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1b. Tick the sentence which contains a fronted adverbial.

She carried the glass.

Carefully, she carried the glass.



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2a. Add the correct punctuation to the sentence.

suddenly Superman appeared



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2b. Add the correct punctuation to the sentence.

happily the children played outside



VF

3a. Choose the fronted adverbial that best fits the sentence.

We are going for a walk.

Yesterday

Later

Easily



VF

3b. Choose the fronted adverbial that best fits the sentence.

I am going on holiday.

Tomorrow

Yesterday

Softly



VF

4a. Choose a main clause that will best match the fronted adverbials.

After a while, _____.

Just then, _____.

the doorbell rang.

he stopped reading.



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4b. Choose a main clause that will best match the fronted adverbials.

Slowly, _____.

Later, _____.

the car drove away.

they went to the cinema.



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5a. Tick the sentence which contains a fronted adverbial.

Upstairs, the baby fell fast asleep in her cosy cot.

The baby fell fast asleep in her cosy cot.



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5b. Tick the sentence which contains a fronted adverbial.

He travelled to London on the train.

Occasionally, he travelled to London by train.



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6a. Add the correct punctuation to the sentence.

after the performance the audience shouted for more



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6b. Add the correct punctuation to the sentence.

without a sound the lady turned and walked away



VF

7a. Choose the fronted adverbial that best fits the sentence.

The packed train came to a sudden stop.

Without warning

Never before

Everywhere he looked



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7b. Choose the fronted adverbial that best fits the sentence.

The front door opened with a loud crash.

Later next year

In the distance

Unexpectedly



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8a. Choose a main clause that will best match the fronted adverbials.

Down on the beach, _____.
Mysteriously, _____.

the strange box had vanished.

the tide had come in quickly.



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8b. Choose a main clause that will best match the fronted adverbials.

Sadly, _____.
Everywhere they looked, _____.

football fans were celebrating.

my bike was gone forever.



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9a. Tick the sentence which contains a fronted adverbial.

Barely alive, the seal struggled to reach the safety of the land.

The seal swam ashore so it could rest and recover safely.



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9b. Tick the sentence which contains a fronted adverbial.

The confused group got totally lost in the hectic city.

Completely confused, the group got lost in the hectic city.



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10a. Add the correct punctuation to the sentence.

somewhat concerned the man watched the last bus leave without him



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10b. Add the correct punctuation to the sentence.

decidedly annoyed the little girl stormed off to her bedroom after being told to go to bed



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11a. Choose the fronted adverbial that best fits the sentence.

The fans watched their team being knocked out of the competition.

Decidedly unimpressed

Totally delighted

Hardly out of breath



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11b. Choose the fronted adverbial that best fits the sentence.

Dad had to throw the burnt cake in the bin and start all over again.

Much admired

Perhaps

Obviously upset



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12a. Choose a main clause that will best match the fronted adverbials.

Almost unbelievably, _____.
Somewhat amused, _____.

they were able to finish the homework project on time.

he managed to finish his speech over the laughter of the crowd.



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12b. Choose a main clause that will best match the fronted adverbials.

Utterly grateful, _____.
Obviously exhausted, _____.

they fell asleep as soon as their heads hit the pillow.

she thanked them for the beautiful flowers she'd received.



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Developing

- 1a. **Quickly**, the boy ran the race.
- 2a. **Suddenly**, Superman appeared.
- 3a. **Later**
- 4a. **After a while**, he stopped reading.
Just then, the doorbell rang.

Expected

- 5a. **Upstairs**, the baby fell fast asleep in her cosy cot.
- 6a. **After the performance**, the audience shouted for more.
- 7a. **Without warning**
- 8a. **Down on the beach**, the tide had come in quickly.
Mysteriously, the strange box had vanished.

Greater Depth

- 9a. **Barely alive**, the seal struggled to reach the safety of the land.
- 10a. **Somewhat concerned**, the man watched the last bus leave without him.
- 11a. **Decidedly unimpressed**
- 12a. **Almost unbelievably**, they were able to finish the homework project on time.
Somewhat amused, he managed to finish his speech over the laughter of the crowd.

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Developing

- 1b. **Carefully**, she carried the glass.
- 2b. **Happily**, the children played outside.
- 3b. **Tomorrow**
- 4b. **Slowly**, the car drove away.
Later, they went to the cinema.

Expected

- 5b. **Occasionally**, he travelled to London by train.
- 6b. **Without a sound**, the lady turned and walked away.
- 7b. **Unexpectedly**
- 8b. **Sadly**, my bike was gone forever.
Everywhere they looked, football fans were celebrating.

Greater Depth

- 9b. **Completely confused**, the group got lost in the hectic city.
- 10b. **Decidedly annoyed**, the little girl stormed off to her bedroom after being told to go to bed.
- 11b. **Obviously upset**
- 12b. **Utterly grateful**, she thanked them for the beautiful flowers she'd received.
Obviously exhausted, they fell asleep as soon as their heads hit the pillow.