

Day 1





Fronted Adverbials:

What Is a Fronted Adverbial?



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What is an adverbial?

An adverbial is a word, phrase or clause that is used, like an adverb, to modify a verb or a clause. Adverbs can be used as adverbials, but many other types of words, phrases and clauses can be used in this way, including prepositional phrases and subordinate clauses.

What is a fronted adverbial?

When an adverbial is used at the beginning of a sentence, they are often called 'fronted adverbials'.



Next Steps: Types of Fronted Adverbial

Fronted adverbials are used to describe...

the **time** something happens,
e.g. **Before sunrise**, Darius crept into the beast's cave.

the **frequency** (how often) something happens,
e.g. **Every so often**, Darius could hear the beast's ferocious snore.

the **place** something happens,
e.g. **At the back of the cave**, the terrifying creature began to stir.

the **manner** something happens,
e.g. **As quick as a flash**, Darius bounded behind a nearby rock.

the **possibility** (how likely) something will/has happen(ed),
e.g. **Almost certainly**, the deadly beast would find Darius.

Did you notice
how the fronted
adverbials were
punctuated?

Next Steps: Adding Commas

Every fronted adverbial word, phrase or clause needs to be followed by a comma to separate it from the main clause of the sentence. Where should the comma go in this fronted adverbial sentence?

Slowly and carefully, they released the juvenile badger back into the wild.

Does the fronted adverbial describe the time, frequency, manner, place or possibility of the action in the main clause?

Next Steps: Adding Commas

Where should the comma go in this fronted adverbial sentence?

On Tuesday Class 12 are visiting
The Imperial War Museum.

Does the fronted adverbial describe the time, frequency, manner,
place or possibility of the action in the main clause?

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Can you spot the fronted adverbials in this piece of text? Do they describe the **time**, **frequency**, **manner**, **place** or **possibility** of the action in the main clause?

Against all the odds, Captain Curk got to his rocket before his oxygen supply ran out. Back in the safety of his shuttle, he removed his helmet and began to prepare for take-off. Suddenly, there was a loud crash at the shuttle door. The aliens must have caught up with him. Feeling intimidated, the captain quickly strapped himself into his seat as the door began to buckle. Almost certainly, the aliens would capture him if he didn't leave this planet right away. With a trembling finger, he pressed the launch button...10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1...BLAST OFF!

Seconds later, Curk was in the air but something was wrong. The fuel tank gauge showed a dangerously low level of fuel. The extra-terrestrial creatures must have caused it to leak. Sputtering noisily, the spacecraft started to stall. What was the captain going to do?

Put the commas after the fronted adverbials in this paragraph.

One of Birmingham's best known landmarks is the Bullring. For example the Bullring's shops are varied – there is something for everyone! Furthermore people's experiences are always good and they usually have fun. Additionally the city's other landmarks include the Sea Life Centre and Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. The museum's exhibits are very interesting and the Sea Life Centre's fish are colourful and bright.

Put the fronted adverbials in to these sentences.

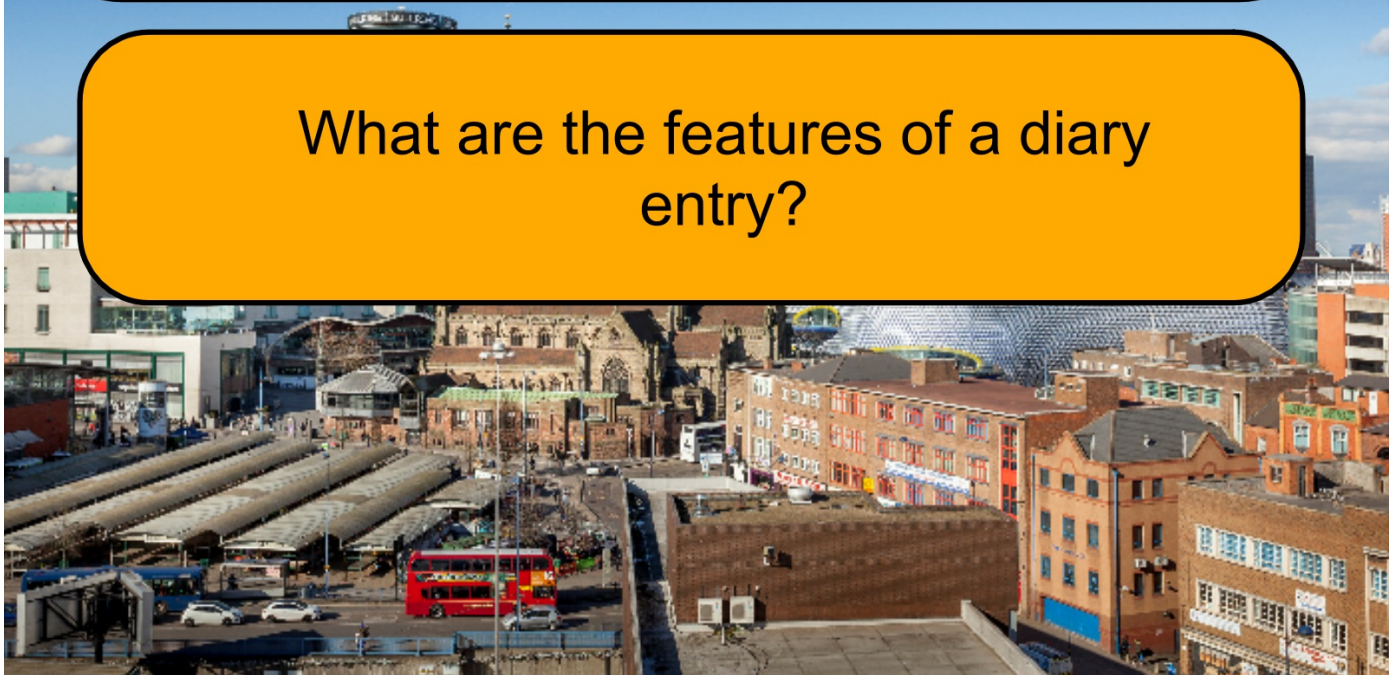
1. _____ John's brother is a good footballer.

2. _____ The schools chef is very talented.

3. _____ The teams captain is called Hayley.

Your task is to write a diary entry based on as a Victorian child.

What are the features of a diary entry?



Monday 12th April 1874

Dear diary,

I am sat in our **overcrowded** dormitory, we are supposed to be asleep but I can't. It is too cold. It is extremely **difficult** to see the page; I am holding this diary up to the window so that I can see the light from the reflection of the moon. Today has been as **miserable** as any other day, if not worse.

Now it's your turn to write the first paragraph of your diary entry.