

Focus on Fronted Adverbials

Grammar



- ★ Let's do a little bit more!
- ★ You will need a piece of paper or a note pad, and something to write with, or a computer.

Similar or different?

a) The writer of our story uses 'fronted adverbials' to tell the reader **where**, **when** or **how** something is happening. Two examples:

Immediately, Li hurried home, wondering what on earth he should wish for.

Suddenly, he stopped pacing and grinned.

b) These fronted adverbials – **immediately** and **suddenly** – have a similar meaning: '*to do something very fast, without waiting.*' 'Suddenly' also makes the reader feel as though it has been a surprise; something unexpected.

c) Sort the words below. Are they similar to the meaning of 'immediately' or are they more like 'slowly'? Write them under the word they are most similar to, or in the middle if you're not sure!

d) Practise them in sentences of your own.

Leisurely, Steadily, Straight away, All at once,
Suddenly, Bit by bit, As quick as flash, Gradually,

Immediately,

Suddenly,

Slowly,