

Monday

Activity: Fronted adverbials: words and phrases

Remember:

Adverbials add detail about when, where, how or why things happen. Adverbials can be single words (adverbs) or phrases (adverbials). You can choose to put an adverbial at the start (or front) of a sentence. This is called a **fronted adverbial**, and it should be followed by a **comma**.*

Examples:

Usually, Tyler hated getting up in the morning.
In a faraway land, on a distant hill side, there stood a quaint cottage.

Try it

In best handwriting, write these sentences out; then underline (or highlight) the adverbial in each one. (Not all are fronted adverbials.)

- 1) Frantically, he searched the beach beneath the cliffs.
- 2) On the stroke of half time, Everton scored in front of their excited fans.
- 3) With the help of our keen volunteers, the wildlife garden will soon be open.
- 4) Inside the restaurant, the fire in the grate flickered with a warming glow.
- 5) Across the country, from town to town, from street to street, the news spread.
- 6) With a pencil, make a mark in the middle of the circle.

Now, add at least one adverbial to the start of each sentence, using the correct punctuation:

_____ we heard a cry.
_____ the dog spoke to him.
_____ the old car rattled down the road.

* The exceptions are time adverbs like 'yesterday' or 'tomorrow'.

_____ Archie followed the man with the tall hat.
_____ there lived a wise man.

Extension:

**Looking at this picture, write your opening paragraph for a story.
Write your first sentence, starting with one adverbial.**



Today's answers below:

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(Your answers will vary)

Out of the silence, we heard a cry.

Suddenly, to his amazement, the dog spoke to him.

In a cloud of smoke, the old car rattled down the road.

Nervously, through the dark streets, Archie followed the man with the tall hat.

Over the meadow, on the edge of the wood, there lived a wise man.