

## English 4 Grammar

### Fronted Adverbials

Fronted adverbials, words or phrases that describe the action in a sentence, are introduced to KS2 children in Year 4. Adverbs describe how the action is happening eg Running swiftly.

Where the action is happening eg Running along the track.

When the action is happening eg Yesterday he ran.

**'Fronted' adverbials are 'fronted' because they have been moved to the front of the sentence, before the verb.** In other words, fronted adverbials are words or phrases at the beginning of a sentence, used to describe the action that follows.

A comma is normally used after an adverbial (but there are plenty of exceptions to this rule).

- Write your answers on the sheet.

1a. Circle the sentence below which has used a fronted adverbial.

- A. We all went into the cinema before it rained.
- B. Finally, we all went to the cinema.
- C. We all went to the cinema quickly.

2a. Insert a comma after the fronted adverbial in the sentence below.

Eventually we all made it to Harriet's birthday party.

3a. True or false? The adverbial used in the sentence below is an adverbial of place and can be moved to the front of the sentence.

I bought an expensive chocolate bar from the corner shop.

4a. Identify which adverbial in the sentence below can be moved to the beginning of the sentence.

I parked my car under the bridge this morning.

1b. Circle the sentence below which has used a fronted adverbial.

- A. Firstly, you should visit the museum.
- B. You should visit the museum before you do anything else.
- C. We will certainly visit the new exhibition.

2b. Insert a comma after the fronted adverbial in the sentence below.

Sadly Emma lost her dog at the beach.

3b. True or false? The adverbial used in the sentence below is an adverbial of time and can be moved to the front of the sentence.

You will find many tasty snacks in the top cupboard.

4b. Identify which adverbial in the sentence below can be moved to the beginning of the sentence.

The ladies were still dancing in high heels at midnight.