

Year 4 Assessment: Mastering Fronted Adverbials with Max and Zara

Learning objective: To identify, punctuate, and construct sentences using fronted adverbials to enhance descriptive writing.

Read each question carefully. Remember to use a comma after your fronted adverbial. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Max the monkey and Zara the zebra were preparing for their annual jungle festival. Max was busy checking the invitations, while Zara was busy painting colourful banners. They had a lot to do before the sun went down.

Word bank: Carefully · Without a sound · In the distance · Every single morning · Suddenly · During the maths lesson · With great excitement · High above the trees

1. Identify the fronted adverbial in this sentence: 'Suddenly, the clouds turned grey.' (1 mark)

2. Add a comma in the correct place in this sentence: 'With a loud roar Leo the lion announced the start of the race.' (1 mark)

3. Choose a fronted adverbial from the word bank to complete this sentence about Max: '_____ Max counted the golden coins for the festival prizes.' (1 mark)

4. Rewrite this sentence by moving the adverbial to the front: 'Zara painted the patterns gracefully on the wooden signs.' (2 marks)

5. Write your own sentence about Pip the caterpillar using a fronted adverbial that describes where something is happening. (2 marks)

6. Explain why writers use fronted adverbials at the beginning of sentences instead of placing them at the end. How does this change the reader's experience? (4 marks)

7. Compare and contrast these two sentences: 'Nova flew quietly through the night sky' and 'Through the night sky, Nova flew quietly.' Justify which sentence creates more mystery. (4 marks)

8. Write a short paragraph (3-5 sentences) describing an adventure involving Finn the dolphin. You must include at least two different fronted adverbials. One must describe time, and one must describe manner. (5 marks)

9. What might happen if a writer used a fronted adverbial in every single sentence of a story? Discuss the effect this would have on the flow of the text. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene where Zara is painting a banner and Max is counting coins. Label your drawing with a sentence that starts with a fronted adverbial.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Write a diary entry from the perspective of Kit the fox, explaining how he solved a difficult puzzle. You must use at least four fronted adverbials and vary the type (time, place, and manner).