

Fronted Adverbials with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To identify and use fronted adverbials to describe when, where, or how something happens.

Max the Monkey loves maths, but he also loves writing exciting stories! A fronted adverbial is a word or phrase at the start of a sentence that tells us more about the action. Remember to put a comma after the fronted adverbial. Read the cards to learn more.

What is a fronted adverbial? A word or phrase at the start of a sentence that describes how, when, or where something happens.	What punctuation mark must follow a fronted adverbial? A comma (,).
Fronted Adverbial of Time: 'Yesterday, Max ate a banana.' Which word is the adverbial? Yesterday.	Fronted Adverbial of Place: 'In the tall tree, Max played.' Which words show where? In the tall tree.
Fronted Adverbial of Manner: 'Happily, Max solved the puzzle.' Which word shows how? Happily.	Complete this sentence: '_____, Max climbed the branch.' (Use a time word) Soon / Early / Yesterday.
Complete this sentence: '_____, Max found a shiny coin.' (Use a place word) In the garden / Near the river / Under the leaves.	Complete this sentence: '_____, Max jumped for joy.' (Use a manner word) Excitedly / Quickly / Gladly.
True or False: A fronted adverbial goes at the end of a sentence. False. It goes at the front.	Does this sentence need a comma? 'Quietly the monkey slept.' Yes: 'Quietly, the monkey slept.'
Can a fronted adverbial describe when something happens? Yes. For example: 'After lunch, Max read a book.'	Rearrange this sentence: 'the jungle / In / Max / played.' In the jungle, Max played.