

Fronted Adverbials Adventure with Kit the Fox

Learning objective: To identify, punctuate, and use fronted adverbials to improve sentence cohesion and descriptive quality.

Join Kit the Fox on a woodland mission! Answer the following 10 questions to help Kit navigate the forest. Remember: a fronted adverbial must always be followed by a comma.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.B, 4.False (needs a comma), 5.Cautiously, 6.A, 7.D, 8.True, 9.Every morning, 10.B. Explanation: A fronted adverbial describes how, when, or where an action happens and must be separated from the main clause by a comma.

Word bank: cautiously · without hesitation · deep in the forest · at midnight · with a swift flick of his tail · silently · every morning · beneath the ancient oak

1. 1. Choose the correctly punctuated sentence: A) Quickly the fox ran. B) Quickly, the fox ran C) Quickly, the fox ran. D) The fox ran, quickly. (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: A fronted adverbial can describe when an event takes place. (1 mark)

3. 3. Which option is a 'time' fronted adverbial? A) In the burrow B) Yesterday afternoon C) With great speed D) Under the leaves (1 mark)

4. 4. True or False: 'Beneath the ancient oak the fox waited' is punctuated correctly. (1 mark)

5. 5. Complete the sentence: '_____, Kit crept toward the mysterious treasure chest.' (Use a word from the bank). (1 mark)

6. 6. Which phrase is an example of a 'manner' fronted adverbial? A) With a clever grin B) During the winter C) At the park D) Last week (1 mark)

7. 7. Identify the fronted adverbial in this sentence: 'Deep in the forest, the trees whispered secrets.' A) The trees B) Whispered secrets C) The forest D) Deep in the forest (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: A fronted adverbial is always placed at the end of a sentence. (1 mark)

9. 9. Add a fronted adverbial to this sentence: '_____, the sun began to rise over the hills.' (1 mark)

10. 10. Select the best fronted adverbial to show excitement: A) Sadly, Kit jumped. B) With a leap of joy, Kit jumped. C) Slowly, Kit jumped. D) Boredly, Kit jumped. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Kit the Fox standing in a woodland setting. Add a speech bubble coming from Kit that contains a sentence starting with a fronted adverbial.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenge: 1. Explain why moving the adverbial to the front of a sentence changes the emphasis for the reader. 2. Compare and contrast a 'time' adverbial with a 'place' adverbial. 3. Justify why we must use a comma after the fronted adverbial. 4. What might happen to the meaning of a sentence if the comma is omitted? 5. Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) about a quest, ensuring every sentence begins with a different type of fronted adverbial. 6. Critique the following sentence and rewrite it for better flow: 'The fox searched for his lost key everywhere.' (Hint: Try starting with a fronted adverbial!)