Mastering Fronted Adverbials with Max the Monkey

Swing into better writing by placing your adverbials at the front!

■ **What is a fronted adverbial? It is a word, phrase, or clause placed at the start of a sentence to provide more detail about the action.**

■ **Where does the comma go? You must always place a comma immediately after the fronted adverbial to separate it from the main clause.**

■ **How do we show time? Phrases like 'Yesterday afternoon,' or 'After the rain stopped,' tell the reader when something is happening.**

■ **How do we show place? Phrases like 'Deep in the jungle,' or 'High above the trees,' tell the reader where the action is taking place.**

■ **How do we show manner? Phrases like 'With a cheeky grin,' or 'Quietly and carefully,' describe how the action is being performed.**

■ **Why use them? They add variety to your writing, help with flow, and help you earn extra marks for sophisticated sentence structure in your English assessments.**

Did you know? Did you know? Fronted adverbials act like a spotlight at the beginning of your sentence, guiding the reader's focus exactly where you want it before the main action even begins!

Key vocabulary: Fronted Adverbial · Comma · Time · Place · Manner · Modifier · Sentence Opener