

Year 6 English Assessment: Fronted Adverbials

Learning objective: To identify, punctuate, and use fronted adverbials to express time, place, and manner in sentences.

Read each question carefully. Ensure all fronted adverbials are followed by a comma where required. Check your spelling and punctuation before submitting.

Max the monkey sat in the jungle. He looked at his maths puzzle. He wanted to solve it before the sun went down. Finn the dolphin swam nearby. They were preparing for a group adventure led by Leo the lion.

Word bank: Silently · Without warning · In the distance · Beneath the golden sun · With great excitement · Yesterday afternoon · Across the vast ocean

1. Identify the fronted adverbial in this sentence: 'Without warning, the rain began to pour on the jungle canopy.' (1 mark)

2. Rewrite the following sentence by adding a fronted adverbial of time at the beginning: 'Max solved the complex maths equation.' (2 marks)

3. Add a comma in the correct place in this sentence: 'Across the vast ocean Finn the dolphin navigated through the coral reef.' Explain why the comma is necessary. (3 marks)

4. Turn these two simple sentences into one complex sentence using a fronted adverbial of manner: 'Pip the caterpillar read her book. She moved slowly across the leaf.' (3 marks)

5. Choose three fronted adverbials from the word bank and write three separate sentences describing an adventure involving Nova the owl and Kit the fox. Ensure each sentence uses a different type of adverbial (time, place, or manner). (6 marks)

6. Extended Writing Task: Write a short paragraph (4–6 sentences) about a day in the life of the BookFlik characters. You must include at least four fronted adverbials to describe where, when, and how your characters are acting. Include a variety of sentence structures. (10 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene featuring Leo the lion and Zara the zebra embarking on an adventure. Label your drawing with a sentence that starts with a fronted adverbial of place.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Can you rewrite your paragraph from the extended writing task to include a fronted adverbial that consists of a prepositional phrase rather than a single adverb?