

Mastering Fronted Adverbials with Kit the Fox

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

Kit the Fox is organising his woodland library. Read each question carefully and use your knowledge of fronted adverbials to complete the tasks. Remember to place a comma after the fronted adverbial!

A fronted adverbial is a word, phrase, or clause at the beginning of a sentence that describes the action of the verb. It tells us when, where, or how something happens. It is always followed by a comma.

Word bank: Cautiously · Under the ancient oak tree · Without a moment's hesitation · In the quiet corner of the library · Every single morning · With great excitement

1. Identify the fronted adverbial in this sentence: 'Every single morning, Kit organises his books by colour.' (1 mark)

2. Add a comma in the correct place in this sentence: 'Without a moment's hesitation Kit grabbed the history book.' (1 mark)

3. Rewrite the following sentence by moving the adverbial to the front: 'Nova the owl watched the stars patiently from her high branch.' (2 marks)

4. Choose one phrase from the word bank to complete this sentence: '_____, Pip the caterpillar began to read his favourite story.' (1 mark)

5. Write your own sentence about Ellie the elephant using a fronted adverbial that describes 'place'. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene where Kit the Fox is sorting books in his woodland library. Include one label on your drawing that uses a fronted adverbial (e.g., 'In the middle of the room, Kit stacks the books').



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing an adventure with Max the monkey. You must use at least two fronted adverbials: one for 'time' and one for 'manner'.