

Varied Fluency

Step 3: Time Specific Adverbials

National Curriculum Objectives:

Year 4: (4G5.6b) [Using fronted adverbials](#)

Year 4: (4G5.6b) [Fronted adverbials \[for example, Later that day, I heard the bad news.\]](#)

Year 4: (4G5.6b) [Using commas after fronted adverbials](#)

Terminology for pupils:

- (4G1.6a) [adverbial](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support recognising and using specific adverbials for time and frequency in single clause sentences.

Expected Questions to support recognising and using specific adverbials for time and frequency in multi clause sentences using coordinating conjunctions.

Greater Depth Questions to support recognising and using specific adverbials for time and frequency in multi clause sentences using subordinating conjunctions

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Time Specific Adverbials

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1a. Circle the fronted adverbial that tells us when something happened.

School is closed for the next 2 weeks. Tomorrow, we can go to the seaside.



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1b. Circle the fronted adverbial that tells us when something happened.

Today, I am going on a trip to the history museum. I have to be at school for 8 o'clock.



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2a. Underline the fronted adverbial that describes how often something takes place.

I can't wait for my birthday every year. Usually, I get up early to open my presents.



VF

2b. Underline the fronted adverbial that describes how often something takes place.

I like to try and do some exercise every day. Sometimes, I go jogging in the morning.



VF

3a. Choose the fronted adverbial that tells us when the main clause takes place in the sentence below.

_____, there was a fire behind my house.

Now

Tomorrow

Yesterday



VF

3b. Choose the fronted adverbial that tells us when the main clause takes place in the sentence below.

_____ everyone has finished, you can have your turn.

Later

Soon

Now



VF

4a. Choose the fronted adverbial that tells us how often the main clause takes place in the sentence below.

_____ fasten your seatbelt when you're in a car.

Never

Always

Often



VF

4b. Choose the fronted adverbial that tells us how often the main clause takes place in the sentence below.

_____ cross the road without looking both ways.

Sometimes

Always

Never



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5a. Circle the fronted adverbial that tells us when something happened.

Sometimes, Sophie's older sister takes her to the park and plays on the swings with her. Afterwards, they usually feed the ducks or get a hot chocolate from the shop.



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5b. Circle the fronted adverbial that tells us when something happened.

Just then, the door to the cellar slowly creaked open, a stale stench wafting through the gap, followed by a noise so chilling, it made my hair stand on end.



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6a. Underline the fronted adverbial that describes how often something takes place.

Twice a week, we take the bus into town to visit the library. I love reading books and can spend hours searching for the perfect one.



VF

6b. Underline the fronted adverbial that describes how often something takes place.

Tomorrow, I have drama after lunch and it's with my favourite teacher. Sometimes, I eat my lunch so quickly that I feel sick all afternoon.



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7a. Choose the fronted adverbial that tells us when the main clause takes place in the sentence below.

_____, we are going to fly to Australia to visit my Auntie Sue and stay in her house with the swimming pool.

Immediately

Last Month

Next year



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7b. Choose the fronted adverbial that tells us when the main clause takes place in the sentence below.

_____, the children went home and ate hot crumpets by the fire smothered in delicious butter.

Tomorrow

After

Now



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8a. Choose the fronted adverbial that tells us how often the main clause takes place in the sentence below.

_____, I go to the local hairdressers to have my hair cut and styled.

Twice a year

Once

Today



VF

8b. Choose the fronted adverbial that tells us how often the main clause takes place in the sentence below.

_____, mum will let us stay up late to watch a funny movie but she always picks which one.

Occasionally

Once

Yearly



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9a. Circle the fronted adverbial that tells us when something happened.

Sam and Oliver were waiting for the match to start because it was delayed. Before long, they gave up waiting and went back home so that they could warm up.



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9b. Circle the fronted adverbial that tells us when something happened.

The old building had been burning fiercely all day, despite the firefighter's efforts. As the sun set, there was nothing left except for soot and ashes.



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10a. Underline the fronted adverbial that describes how often something takes place.

All of a sudden, the firework fell over and shot forward in my direction. Never in my life had I ever felt so scared as I did in that moment as the firework whizzed towards me.



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10b. Underline the fronted adverbial that describes how often something takes place.

Yesterday evening, I was running late for dinner so decided to take a short cut. Rarely do I go that particular way when I am walking home on my own.



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11a. Choose the fronted adverbial that tells us when the main clause takes place in the sentence below.

_____, the building that had stood for over a hundred years was reduced to nothing but broken bricks and smoke.

Regularly

In the blink of an eye

From time to time



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11b. Choose the fronted adverbial that tells us when the main clause takes place in the sentence below.

_____, the horses were getting agitated however the race wasn't due to start for another hour.

Already

After a while

Most days



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12a. Choose the fronted adverbial that tells us how often the main clause takes place in the sentence below.

_____ do we go for dinner at my favourite restaurant because it is so expensive.

Twice a year

Later

Seldom



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12b. Choose the fronted adverbial that tells us how often the main clause takes place in the sentence below.

_____, the sky is clear enough at night that I can see the stars through my bedroom window.

From time to time

In summer

Occasionally



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Developing

- 1a. **Tomorrow**
- 2a. **Usually**
- 3a. **Yesterday**
- 4a. **Always**

Expected

- 5a. **Afterwards**
- 6a. **Twice a week**
- 7a. **Next year**
- 8a. **Twice a year**

Greater Depth

- 9a. **Before long**
- 10a. **Never in my life**
- 11a. **In the blink of an eye**
- 12a. **Seldom**

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Developing

- 1b. **Today**
- 2b. **Sometimes**
- 3b. **Now**
- 4b. **Never**

Expected

- 5b. **Just then**
- 6b. **Sometimes**
- 7b. **After**
- 8b. **Occasionally**

Greater Depth

- 9b. **As the sun set**
- 10b. **Rarely**
- 11b. **Already or After a while**
- 12b. **From time to time or Occasionally**