

Varied Fluency

Step 4: Place Specific Adverbials

National Curriculum Objectives:

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

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

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

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

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support identifying and using place specific adverbials in sentences with a single clause.

Expected Questions to support identifying and using place specific adverbials in multi-clause sentences with coordinating conjunctions.

Greater Depth Questions to support identifying and using place specific adverbials in multi-clause sentences with subordinating conjunctions.

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Place Specific Adverbials

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1a. Underline the place specific fronted adverbial in the sentence below.

Over there, they are building new houses.



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1b. Underline the place specific fronted adverbial in the sentence below.

Outside, the cats are meowing very loudly.



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2a. Tick the sentence that contains a place specific fronted adverbial.

A. Early this morning, I saw a beautiful sunrise.

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B. Under the bridge, there is a lot of litter.

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2b. Tick the sentence that contains a place specific fronted adverbial.

A. Above the horizon, the sun began to rise.

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B. The ship sailed into the distance.

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3a. Choose a place specific fronted adverbial to complete the sentence.

_____, cars drive on the right-hand side of the road.

On the beach

In the box

In France



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3b. Choose a place specific fronted adverbial to complete the sentence.

_____, there is a playground.

On the bridge

Next to school

In the river



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4a. Choose the most suitable clause to complete the sentence below.

Underground, _____

bananas grow quite quickly.

there are hundreds of water pipes.

people live very happily together.



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4b. Choose the most suitable clause to complete the sentence below.

Down in the school kitchen, _____

the zookeeper fed the giraffes.

the cook was busy making dinner.

the children were reading their books.



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5a. Underline the place specific fronted adverbial in the sentence below.

Behind the brick wall, the two boys hid so their friends couldn't find them.



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5b. Underline the place specific fronted adverbial in the sentence below.

On her bedroom wall, Lucy hung her new poster and then stood back to admire it.



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6a. Tick the sentence that contains a place specific fronted adverbial.

A. Mum put the plates on the table and told the children to wash their hands.

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B. On the table, Gran was doing a jigsaw but she couldn't find the last piece.

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6b. Tick the sentence that contains a place specific fronted adverbial.

A. At the end of the day, the teacher told the children to tidy up and get their coats.

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B. Outside the school, the parents waited but the children were late.

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7a. Choose a place specific fronted adverbial to complete the sentence.

_____, the mouse scurried round and looked for some scraps of food.

Below the stairs

On top of the world

In the distance



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7b. Choose a place specific fronted adverbial to complete the sentence.

_____, I keep all my favourite books so my brother can't spoil them.

Above the clouds

Under my bed

In the dustbin



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8a. Choose the most suitable clause to complete the sentence below.

Deep below the surface of the water, colourful fish swam and _____

squirrels were collecting a supply of nuts.

crabs sheltered in the coral.

flowers were starting to bloom.



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8b. Choose the most suitable clause to complete the sentence below.

At the wedding party, the bride and groom danced and _____

the man went for a long walk.

there were lots of ripe bananas.

their family and friends cheered.



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9a. Underline the place specific fronted adverbial in the sentence below.

Everywhere they went, the girls shrieked if they saw a large dog coming towards them.



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9b. Underline the place specific fronted adverbial in the sentence below.

In the distance, I could hear an owl hooting as I settled down to sleep.



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10a. Tick the sentence that contains a place specific fronted adverbial.

A. In my garden, weeds spread like wild fire whenever I go away on holiday.

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B. At the weekend, I am going to do some gardening because the flower beds are full of weeds.

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10b. Tick the sentence that contains a place specific fronted adverbial.

A. Amy dived into the swimming pool while her mum sunbathed nearby.

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B. In the pool, the children jumped whenever the heat became unbearable.

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11a. Choose a place specific fronted adverbial to complete the sentence.

_____, I could hear police sirens as I walked home from school.

Up above the clouds

Somewhere near here

In the distance



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11b. Choose a place specific fronted adverbial to complete the sentence.

_____, the nights are longer because the sun sets earlier.

Above the horizon

North of here

Under my bed



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12a. Choose the most suitable clause to complete the sentence below.

Everywhere they went, wasps were following them _____

if they spread out the picnic blanket.

because they had fallen asleep.

even though they had eaten their jam sandwiches.



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12b. Choose the most suitable clause to complete the sentence below.

Along the route, the runners felt encouraged _____

once the race had ended.

before the whistle blew.

because cheering crowds lined the streets.



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Developing

- 1a. **Over there,**
- 2a. **B**
- 3a. **In France,**
- 4a. **there are hundreds of water pipes.**

Expected

- 5a. **Behind the brick wall,**
- 6a. **B**
- 7a. **Below the stairs**
- 8a. **crabs sheltered in the coral.**

Greater Depth

- 9a. **Everywhere they went,**
- 10a. **A**
- 11a. **In the distance,**
- 12a. **even though they had eaten their jam sandwiches.**

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Developing

- 1b. **Outside,**
- 2b. **A**
- 3b. **Next to school,**
- 4b. **the cook was busy making dinner.**

Expected

- 5b. **On her bedroom wall,**
- 6b. **B**
- 7b. **Under my bed**
- 8b. **their family and friends cheered.**

Greater Depth

- 9b. **In the distance,**
- 10b. **B**
- 11b. **North of here,**
- 12b. **because cheering crowds lined the streets.**