

Application and Reasoning

Step 5: Descriptive Fronted 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](#)

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Application)

Developing Write an appropriate clause to follow the given descriptive fronted adverbial. Word bank provided and no additional parameters given.

Expected Write an appropriate clause to follow the given descriptive fronted adverbial. Word bank provided and additional parameters given.

Greater Depth Write an appropriate clause to follow the given descriptive fronted adverbial. No word bank provided and additional parameters given.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

Developing Rewrite the given sentence, changing the adverbial to a fronted adverbial in single-clause sentence.

Expected Rewrite the given sentence, changing the adverbial to a fronted adverbial in multi-clause sentences with coordination.

Greater Depth Rewrite the given sentence, changing the adverbial to a fronted adverbial in multi-clause sentences with subordination.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

Developing Explain whether a descriptive fronted adverbial has been used correctly in single-clause sentences.

Expected Explain whether a descriptive fronted adverbial has been used correctly in multi-clause sentences with coordination.

Greater Depth Explain whether a descriptive fronted adverbial has been used correctly in multi-clause sentences with subordination.

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Descriptive Fronted Adverbials

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1a. Complete the sentence below using the word bank to help you.

Slowly, _____

_____.

paint

dried

canvas



A

1b. Complete the sentence below using the word bank to help you.

Loudly, _____

_____.

knocked

beak

tree



A

2a. Rewrite the sentence below with the adverbial at the beginning.

Two boys waited patiently in the ice cream queue.



A

2b. Rewrite the sentence below with the adverbial at the beginning.

We decorated the rooms in the new house excitedly.



A

3a. Angelina has written a sentence using a descriptive fronted adverbial.

Carefully, she dropped the egg and spoon during the race.

Has she used it correctly?
Explain how you know.



R

3b. Ian has written a sentence using a descriptive fronted adverbial.

Repeatedly, the shopping centre was built over four months.

Has he used it correctly?
Explain how you know.



R

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4a. Complete the sentence below using the word bank to help you. Include two expanded clauses.

Courageously, _____

_____.

fed

lion

boy



A

Descriptive Fronted Adverbials

4b. Complete the sentence below using the word bank to help you. Include two expanded clauses.

Mysteriously, _____

_____.

hamster

bedding

vanished



A

5a. Rewrite the sentence below with the adverbial at the beginning.

The children nervously entered the abandoned house and explored the haunted rooms.



A

5b. Rewrite the sentence below with the adverbial at the beginning.

The tooth fairy secretly visited the children and left them a coin and a letter.



A

6a. Nicola has written a sentence using a descriptive fronted adverbial.

Slowly, the runner in second place overtook the leader and won the race.

Has she used it correctly?
Explain how you know.



R

6b. Eric has written a sentence using a descriptive fronted adverbial.

Striped, the toy dinosaur broke in the boy's hands as he was playing with it.

Has he used it correctly?
Explain how you know.



R

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7a. Complete the sentence below.
Include two expanded clauses.

Uncharacteristically, _____

_____.



A

7b. Complete the sentence below.
Include two expanded clauses.

Majestically, _____

_____.



A

8a. Rewrite the sentence below with the
adverbial at the beginning.

The enormous waves crashed
impressively on the white,
sandy shore while the children
paddled in the water.



A

8b. Rewrite the sentence below with the
adverbial at the beginning.

He kicked the ball majestically
over the post, causing the
supporters to scream with joy
as he gave the team their lead.



A

9a. Frank has written a sentence using a
descriptive fronted adverbial.

Without a sound, the rock crashed
through the back window before
landing with a thud onto the brand
new table.

Has he used it correctly?
Explain how you know.



R

9b. Paolo has written a sentence using a
descriptive fronted adverbial.

Behind the stairs, they did not talk
during their test as the head
invigilator was watching through
the window.

Has he used it correctly?
Explain how you know.



R

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Developing

- 1a. Various answers, for example: Slowly, the paint dried on the canvas.
- 2a. Patiently, two boys waited in the ice cream queue.
- 3a. No, she has not used it correctly because 'carefully' does not make sense in this context. Better examples of adverbials to use in this sentence are 'clumsily' or 'helplessly'.

Expected

- 4a. Various answers, for example: Courageously, the little boy fed the lion and took lots of photographs.
- 5a. Nervously, the children entered the abandoned house and explored the haunted rooms.
- 6a. No, she has not used it correctly because 'slowly' does not make sense in this context. Better examples of adverbials to use in this sentence are 'as quick as a flash' or 'speedily'.

Greater Depth

- 7a. Various answers, for example: Uncharacteristically, the head teacher, who was usually quite mean, handed out lots of stickers while the children were in assembly.
- 8a. Impressively, the enormous waves crashed on the white, sandy shore while the children paddled in the water.
- 9a. No, he has not used it correctly because 'without a sound' does not make sense in this context. Better examples of adverbials to use in this sentence are 'unexpectedly' or 'with an almighty crack'.

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Developing

- 1b. Various answers, for example: Loudly, the bird knocked its beak on the tree.
- 2b. Excitedly, we decorated the rooms in the new house.
- 3b. No, he has not used it correctly because 'repeatedly' does not make sense in this context. Better examples of adverbials to use in this sentence are 'gradually' or 'thankfully'.

Expected

- 4b. Various answers, for example: Mysteriously, the hamster's bedding had vanished during the night.
- 5b. Secretly, the tooth fairy visited the children and left them a coin and a letter.
- 6b. No, she has not used it correctly because 'striped' is an adjective. Better examples of adverbials to use in this sentence are 'unfortunately' or 'annoyingly'.

Greater Depth

- 7b. Various answers, for example: Majestically, the famous rock star, accompanied by her band, entered the arena, although she had not been feeling well all day.
- 8b. Majestically, he kicked the ball majestically over the post, causing the supporters to scream with joy as he gave the team their lead.
- 9b. No, he has not used it correctly because 'behind the stairs' is not a descriptive adverbial, it is an adverbial of place. Better examples of adverbials to use in this sentence are 'thankfully' or 'luckily'.