

Varied Fluency

Step 5: Descriptive Fronted Adverbials

National Curriculum Objectives:

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

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Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support identifying and using descriptive fronted adverbials in single-clause sentences.

Expected Questions to support identifying and using descriptive fronted adverbials in multi-clause sentences with coordination.

Greater Depth Questions to support identifying and using descriptive fronted adverbials multi-clause sentences with subordination.

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1a. Underline the fronted adverbial that tells us how something happened.

As soon as he could, the man accepted the money.

Happily, the man accepted the money.



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1b. Underline the fronted adverbial that tells us how something happened.

Nervously, the kitten stepped outside.

Before long, the kitten stepped outside.



VF

2a. Replace the underlined fronted adverbial using an antonym.

Loudly, Chuan started to sing out of tune.



VF

2b. Replace the underlined fronted adverbial using an antonym.

Slowly, Sinead crossed the finish line.



VF

3a. Insert the fronted adverbial that tells us how the verb takes place in the sentence below.

_____, the boy staggered up to bed.

Later

Half
asleep



VF

3b. Insert the fronted adverbial that tells us how the verb takes place in the sentence below.

_____, the man shut the shop down.

On
Tuesday

Sadly



VF

4a. Choose the most appropriate clause to follow the fronted adverbial below.

Angrily, _____.

A. the dog bit my finger.

B. we can go to the beach.



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4b. Choose the most appropriate clause to follow the fronted adverbial below.

Curiously, _____.

A. the baby played with the new toy.

B. they sang a song.



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5a. Underline the fronted adverbial that tells us how something happened.

Unexpectedly, the show ended and we had to go home.

Later on, the show ended and we had to go home.



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5b. Underline the fronted adverbial that tells us how something happened.

Carefully, he painted the wood, yet he still got some on the walls.

Immediately, he painted the wood, yet he still got some on the walls.



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6a. Replace the underlined fronted adverbial using an antonym.

Steadily, Hafsa balanced on the beam and prepared to perform her routine.



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6b. Replace the underlined fronted adverbial using an antonym.

Anxiously, Ben walked out on the stage and started his solo piano piece.



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7a. Insert the fronted adverbial that tells us how the verb takes place in the sentence below.

_____, the girl sped off down the street, for she was late for class.

Frantically

Sometimes

Nearby



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7b. Insert the fronted adverbial that tells us how the verb takes place in the sentence below.

_____, the poppies fell from the ceiling and everyone bowed their heads.

Far away

Before long

Silently



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8a. Choose the most appropriate clause to follow the fronted adverbial below.

Without a sound, _____.

A. the picture fell off the wall, breaking the frame.

B. the children put their heads down and got on with their work.



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8b. Choose the most appropriate clause to follow the fronted adverbial below.

Mysteriously, _____.

A. the flowers from her friend looked lovely on the windowsill in a pretty vase.

B. the money raised in the raffle had disappeared from inside the safe.



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9a. Underline the fronted adverbial that tells us how something happened.

Completely exhausted, he drove home after a long week away as he was desperate to see his loving family.

Yesterday, he drove home after a very long week away as he was desperate to see his loving family.



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9b. Underline the fronted adverbial that tells us how something happened.

Reassuringly, Claire stroked her dog's thick fur until the fireworks could no longer be heard.

When it got dark, Claire stroked her dog's thick fur until the fireworks could no longer be heard.



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10a. Replace the underlined fronted adverbial using an antonym.

Calmly, the paramedics tended to the injured whilst the firefighters tackled the blaze.



VF

10b. Replace the underlined fronted adverbial using an antonym.

Viciously, the dog barked and jumped up at the fence as the children scuttled past.



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11a. Insert the fronted adverbial that tells us how the verb takes place in the sentence below.

_____, the tower of bricks that Joe had carefully created crashed to the floor, while Atifa's tower remained standing.

Thankfully

Lovingly

Without warning



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11b. Insert the fronted adverbial that tells us how the verb takes place in the sentence below.

_____, the family pitched their tent in the middle of the park near to the facilities even though there were signs that forbade it.

Selfishly

Potentially

Miserably



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12a. Choose the most appropriate clause to follow the fronted adverbial below.

Hardly out of breath, _____.

A. the dog had to sit and rest because he was so tired from running round the park.

B. the children came in from their ten laps around the field, unusually eager to get on with lessons.



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12b. Choose the most appropriate clause to follow the fronted adverbial below.

Feeling flustered, _____.

A. the old lady sat down, after suffering a terrible shock from her fall in the street.

B. the man stood up calmly, delivered his speech to the eagerly awaiting audience, and then left for his flight.



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Developing

- 1a. Happily, the man accepted the money.
- 2a. Various answers, for example: quietly, softly
- 3a. Half asleep
- 4a. A

Expected

- 5a. Unexpectedly, the show ended and we had to go home.
- 6a. Various answers, for example: unsteadily, shaking
- 7a. Frantically
- 8a. B

Greater Depth

- 9a. Completely exhausted, he drove home after a long week away as he was desperate to see his loving family.
- 10a. Various answers, for example: nervously, anxiously
- 11a. Without warning
- 12a. B

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Developing

- 1b. Nervously, the kitten stepped outside.
- 2b. Various answers, for example: quickly, rapidly
- 3b. Sadly
- 4b. A

Expected

- 5a. Carefully, he painted the wood, yet he still got some on the walls.
- 6a. Various answers, for example: confidently, calmly
- 7a. Silently
- 8a. B

Greater Depth

- 9b. Reassuringly, Claire stroked her dog's thick fur until the fireworks could no longer be heard.
- 10b. Various answers, for example: kindly, playfully
- 11b. Selfishly
- 12b. A