

Using Commas

Part A

Fronted adverbials are adverbial words or phrases at the beginning of the sentence, which are used to describe the action in the main clause. They are separated from the main clause by a comma.

Insert a comma to punctuate these sentences correctly, then underline the action that is being described.

1. Afterwards he managed to find his way home.
2. Before the film ended we had fallen asleep.
3. In the distance the bonfires were burning.
4. Mysteriously the golden skull started to glow.
5. Hardly out of breath the athlete lapped me on the track.

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Part B

Can you add fronted adverbials to these main clauses? Don't forget to punctuate them correctly.

1. The King was angry.

2. We never found out why.

3. The flute played of its own accord.

4. We visit my grandparents and have tea.

★ Challenge Task ★

Can you write some sentences to explain the James' story so far that contain fronted adverbials?

Using Commas Answers

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1. Afterwards, he managed to find his way home.
2. Before the film ended, we had fallen asleep.
3. In the distance, the bonfires were burning.
4. Mysteriously, the golden skull started to glow.
5. Hardly out of breath, the athlete lapped me on the track.

Part B

1. The King was angry.
 - *Despite it not being the knight's fault, the King was angry.*
2. We never found out why.
 - *Mysteriously, we never found out why.*
3. The flute played of its own accord.
 - *Surprisingly, the flute played of its own accord.*
4. We visit my grandparents and have tea.
 - *Every Sunday, we visit my grandparents and have tea.*

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Amazingly, the peach began to grow.

Afterwards, James' aunts locked him inside his room.