

Commas After Fronted Adverbials

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- 3 As the sun was setting all the fairies buzzed and fluttered around the palace, preparing for the ball.
- 4 Twice a year a group of young men from the village would venture into the forest in search of the great fabled beast.
- 5 Above the clouds the magical palace floated.
- 6 Between the sea and the sky there is a legendary place where all the magic in the world can be found.
- 7 Behind the waterfall a beautiful cave was hidden.
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- 9 As quick as a flash the wizard tapped his hat with his wand and disappeared.
- 10 Positively trembling with excitement the little girl reached out her hand and gripped the door handle.

Extension

Complete these sentences by adding your own fronted adverbial. Remember to use a comma!

1. _____ Martha saw a beautiful rainbow.
2. _____ it is important to do your research.

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- 1 Totally overwhelmed the children decided to take a well-deserved rest after their long journey.
- 2 Almost unbelievably the water began to part and she was able to walk along the sand with the sea rising up around her.
- 3 Without a sound the tiny forest creatures crept and scuttled across the leaf-covered floor.
- 4 Mysteriously the wind began to rustle and if you listened carefully it seemed to be speaking.
- 5 Far, far away there is a land where all the things you dreamed of really exist.
- 6 Under the ground there is a whole world of fascinating creatures that you may never have imagined exist.
- 7 Below the waves on the very bottom of the sea floor you can find fascinating bubbles within which are miniature worlds of microscopic creatures.
- 8 Never without fear they stepped further and further into the cave they believed to be the dragon's lair.
- 9 In the blink of an eye the majestic beast spread its enormous wings and rose into the ominous sky.
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1. _____ unicorns can in fact be dangerous.
2. _____ she leapt into action.

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- 1 In years gone by there had always been stories of large ferocious beasts that roamed the ancient forests at night.
- 2 Between the sky and the sea there is a portal which can only be accessed by the most powerful of wizards.
- 3 In the distance there was a torrent of swirling purple clouds which seemed to be coming towards us.
- 4 As fast as he could the Prince hurdled the palace wall and bounded towards his fastest horse.
- 5 Back at the castle the Queen descended into despair, it had been hours since the last search party had departed and still no news.
- 6 Once or twice a year a small group of willing volunteers would venture into the cave to make offerings to the Mother of Dragons.
- 7 Somewhere near here there is a secret cave within which many unexpected and magical treasures can be found.
- 8 Somewhat flustered the Princess tightly grasped the reins of her horse and galloped towards the closing gate.
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- 5 Somewhere near here there is a door in the mountainside which serves as the only entrance into a world you would not believe exists.
- 6 Occasionally people come across things by chance but often an unexpected event to something wonderful.
- 7 Curiously the door began to open by itself.
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