

# Fronted Adverbial

An adverbial is a word or phrase that adds detail to a verb.  
(Tip: it adds to the verb. Ad-verb!)

Adverbials are used to explain how, where or when something happened; they are like adverbs made up of more than one word.

Fronted adverbials are 'fronted' because they appear at the front of the sentence, before the verb.

Fronted adverbials are single words or phrases at the beginning of a sentence, used to describe the action that follows.

Examples:

Please identify the parts underlined as fronted adverbials and whether they are a word or a phrase.

## Adverbs

Gently, she lifted the sleeping baby.

Suddenly, the ground began to shake.

## Adverbial phrases

As soon as he could, Tom jumped off the train.

Last week, I went to the dentist.

In the winter, some animals hibernate.

Try using some of these fronted adverbials in your sentences.

### WHEN

Every week ...

During playtime ...

Once a year ...

Before I go to bed ...

When I go home ...

### HOW

Without ...

Running ...

Carefully ...

Suddenly ...

Gently ...

### WHERE

Beside my bed ...

On holiday ...

In the park ...

At home ...

Outside my house ...