Fronted Adverbials

An **adverb** is a word which adds greater detail to a verb.

An **adverbial** is a group of words (phrase or clause) which adds greater detail to a verb.

Adverbials tell us **HOW/ WHEN/ WHERE/ WHY**?

A **fronted adverbial** is used as an opener with a comma. The clause after the comma should make sense by itself.

**Examples:**

**HOW**

Sprinting like a cheetah, Simon dashed for the bus.

Trying hard not to cry, Clara closed her eyes.

Desperately wishing for a win, Mr Adams bought a lottery ticket.

**WHEN**

At Approximately 4.00am, the great ship ‘Titanic’ finally sank.

During World War Two, children were evacuated to the countryside.

Yesterday afternoon, I played happily in the sunshine.

**WHERE**

Start with a **preposition**:

- Under
- Over
- In
- Beyond
- Before
- Toward
- Between
- Around
- Across
- Past

Past the great castle, there lay a land of wonder.

**WHY** (**‘Back to front’ sentences which start with a conjunction**)

- If
- Since
- because
- even though
- despite

Since it was raining, Mr Frost wore a coat.

Because it was Friday, we all had a lie in.

Even though it was a school night, I stayed up late.