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Fronted adverbials

Fronted adverbials are words or phrases that are put at the start of a sentence. They are separated by a comma and add more information about the verb. They can determine: Time, place, frequency, manner and possibility.

The children ate their lunch.

We need to add a fronted adverbial to this sentence. This will add more information and make the sentence more interesting.

In the noisy classroom, the children ate their lunch.

Time	Place	Manner	Possibility	Frequency
In the morning,	In the garden,	Happily,	Maybe,	Sometimes,
Yesterday,	Behind the trees,	As quick as a flash,	Obviously excited,	Always,
Next week,	Far in the distance,	Cautiously,	Almost unbelievably,	Rarely,

Underline the fronted adverbial in these sentences and add a comma.

In the garden the rabbit jumped onto a log.

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Underline the fronted adverbial in these sentences and add a comma.

Every morning the boy walked to school.

Cautiously the children skipped across the road.

Quickly I ate my dinner.

Usually I do my homework as soon as I get it.

Above the clouds the plane flew in the sky.

Far in the distance there was a field of lavender.

Tomorrow the class will have an arithmetic test.

Under the sea there are an array of fish.

During the Autumn the leaves fall from the trees.

Above the trees the clouds gently swayed in the sky.

Obviously confused Jerome walked in the other direction.

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Now it is your turn! Add a fronted adverbial to these sentences:

The whale was taken out of captivity and freed into the sea.

We could tell that the weather was going to take a turn for the worst.

A bear charged towards the campsite with a fierce look in its eye.

A vibrant array of blooming flowers swayed gently.

A creepy noise began to emanate from the deep dark hole.

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Now it is your turn! Add a fronted adverbial to these sentences:

The waves rhythmically danced, whispering tales of distant shores with each rise and fall.

She slammed the door which echoed through the house, her footsteps were heavy and purposeful.

There was a beautiful beach with crystal clear tranquil water surrounding it.

A lone owl hooted, breaking the silence of the night.

Children giggled and played, their laughter echoing through the quiet meadow.

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In the morning,	Usually,	Deep in the forest,	Quickly,	More than likely,
Yesterday,	Occasionally,	Beside the barren field,	Happily,	There is a chance,
Tomorrow,	Sometimes,	High above the clouds,	Cautiously,	Barely alive,
Last year,	Everyday,	In the office,	Determined,	Obviously confused,
In a few seconds,	Rarely,	Under the sea,	Awkwardly,	Maybe,
Presently,	Every second,	In the distance,	Softly,	Totally overwhelmed,
Next week,	Daily,	Down by the river,	Unfortunately	Quite understandably,
Late one evening,	Often,	On the top of the mountain,	Without a sound,	Just arrived,