

Monday 7th December

English Writing

L.O. To begin sentences with fronted adverbials.

Reminder.

A fronted adverbial is when the adverbial word or phrase is moved to the front of the sentence, before the verb. It is made up of words or phrases used to describe the action that follows.

Key points. A fronted adverbial...

- Goes at the beginning of a sentence.
- Can be a single word or a short phrase (e.g. *Slowly*, the door creaked open. *As the light faded*, the door swung open.)
- Is separated from the rest of the sentence by a comma.
- Goes before the verb
- Describes the action that follows
- Is used to show time, frequency, place, manner (or how something happens), degree (how much).

Warm up:

Rewrite these sentences beginning with a fronted adverbial. To show your skills, why not add expanded noun phrases too?

Example:

I am going into school today.

If it isn't too wet, I am happily going into school today.

Joe tiptoed up the stairs without making a sound.

Alma stepped into the shop.

Carrie stared at the lake in front of her.

The doll rocked on the rickety table.

The boat glided through the water.

Challenge

Read this opening section of the WAGGOLL – Up In Flames.

Redraft this paragraph adding a fronted adverbial to every sentence.

The sunset was embracing the playful children with its faded, orange glow in the field below. “Gooalll!” cried Zoe as she punched the air in triumph. It was her third goal of the match! The talented footballer went to retrieve the ball which had ended up at the edge of the luscious field. Zoe was playing her favourite sport with friends from school, she was twelve years old. “Ey up Lara. Catch this!” instructed Zoe loudly. Their beloved football was soaring through the air and not heading towards Lara! A freak gust of wind carried the ball and SMASH! “Oh no.” sighed Zoe under her breath. She headed towards the towering, abandoned mansion with the shattered window.

Extension

Write the next paragraph of the story describing Zoe's journey through the mansion gardens, through a broken window into the mansion and through the spooky house from the ground floor to the attic.