

## Y3,4 – Wednesday – Grammar

### LO: Identify the purpose of fronted adverbials.

This week, we continue to learn about fronted adverbials. Last week, we looked at fronted adverbials that told us when, where or how something happens. This week, we're adding how often and how likely something is.

See the image below for an example of the five different purposes a fronted adverbial could be used for.

### Fronted adverbials are used to describe...

the **time** something happens,  
e.g. **Before sunrise**, Darius crept into the beast's cave.

the **place** something happens,  
e.g. **At the back of the cave**, the terrifying creature began to stir.

the **how** something happens,  
e.g. **As quick as a flash**, Darius bounded behind a nearby rock.

the **frequency** (how often) something happens,  
e.g. **Every so often**, Darius could hear the beast's ferocious snore.

the **possibility** (how likely) something will/has happen(ed),  
e.g. **Almost certainly**, the deadly beast would find Darius.

Did you notice  
how the fronted  
adverbials were  
punctuated?

**Task 1:** Identify the different ways that the fronted adverbials have been used in the text on the next page.

**Task 2:** Continue the story including some different fronted adverbials.

## Blast off!

With seconds to spare, Captain Curk got to his rocket before his oxygen supply ran out. Back in the safety of his shuttle, he removed his helmet and began to prepare for take-off. Suddenly, there was a loud crash at the shuttle door. The aliens must have caught up with him. Feeling intimidated, the captain quickly strapped himself into his seat as the door began to buckle. Almost certainly, the aliens would capture him if he didn't leave this planet right away. With a trembling finger, he pressed the launch button...10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1...BLAST OFF!

Seconds later, Curk was in the air but something was wrong. The fuel tank gauge showed a dangerously low level of fuel. The extra-terrestrial creatures must have caused it to leak. Sputtering noisily, the spacecraft started to stall. What was the captain going to do?

time (when)

place (where)

manner (how)

possibility (how likely)

frequency (how often)