12.4 Fronted Adverbials: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

The School Allotment

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Every Tuesday afternoon, Class 4 walked down to the school allotment behind the sports hall. Yesterday, the whole class had planted rows of carrot seeds in neat lines. Carefully, Mr Hendry showed the children how to water each row without flooding the soil. Behind the greenhouse, a family of hedgehogs had made a cosy nest under some old leaves. Suddenly, a strong gust of wind knocked over three empty plant pots. Without complaining, Priya picked up the pots and stacked them neatly by the shed. Later that morning, the children discovered tiny green shoots poking through the soil at last. In the shed, Mr Hendry kept a box of seed packets, gardening gloves and a rusty old trowel. By the end of the lesson, everyone had muddy hands and enormous smiles.

1 Fronted adverbials can also tell us WHY something happens - this is called a fronted adverbial of reason. Sort the fronted adverbials in the box into the correct column of the table below: Time, Place, Manner or Reason. Keep the comma with each phrase.

Word bank: Yesterday, | Next week, | Behind the barn, | Across the field, | Silently, | With great effort, | Because of the fog, | Due to the heavy rain,

(8)

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2 Underline the fronted adverbial in each sentence below. Remember that it always comes before the comma.

(a) Every winter, the pond in the park freezes over completely. **(1)**

(b) High above the town, a hot air balloon drifted slowly. **(1)**

(c) With great care, the vet examined the injured owl. **(1)**

3 Not every sentence opener is a fronted adverbial - some sentences simply begin with their subject. Tick whether the opening words of each sentence are a fronted adverbial or the subject of the sentence.

(a) The old clock tower chimed at noon. **(1)**

- ☐ Fronted adverbial
- ☐ Subject

(b) At noon, the old clock tower chimed. **(1)**

- ☐ Fronted adverbial
- ☐ Subject

(c) Quietly, the librarian closed the heavy door. **(1)**

- ☐ Fronted adverbial
- ☐ Subject

(d) The librarian quietly closed the heavy door. **(1)**

- ☐ Fronted adverbial
- ☐ Subject

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Question 1

Yesterday, sorted under Time cao	**B1**
Next week, sorted under Time cao	**B1**
Behind the barn, sorted under Place cao	**B1**
Across the field, sorted under Place cao	**B1**
Silently, sorted under Manner cao	**B1**
With great effort, sorted under Manner cao	**B1**
Because of the fog, sorted under Reason cao	**B1**
Due to the heavy rain, sorted under Reason cao	**B1**

Answer: **Time: Yesterday, Next week. Place: Behind the barn, Across the field. Manner: Silently, With great effort. Reason: Because of the fog, Due to the heavy rain.**

Question 2

(a) Every winter underlined cao	**B1**
(a) Answer: **Every winter**	
(b) High above the town underlined cao	**B1**
(b) Answer: **High above the town**	
(c) With great care underlined cao	**B1**
(c) Answer: **With great care**	

Question 3

(a) Subject ticked cao	**B1**
(a) Answer: **Subject**	
(b) Fronted adverbial ticked cao	**B1**
(b) Answer: **Fronted adverbial**	
(c) Fronted adverbial ticked cao	**B1**
(c) Answer: **Fronted adverbial**	
(d) Subject ticked cao	**B1**
(d) Answer: **Subject**	

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