# 12.4 Fronted Adverbials: 30-minute Pack

about 30 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** The paragraph below is missing three commas after fronted adverbials. Find and correct the three errors.

Every Saturday morning Deepa helps her uncle at his market stall. Without any warning a sudden shower soaked all the fruit boxes. Quickly Deepa pulled a plastic sheet over the stall before the rain got worse.

**(3)**


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**2** The sentence below has a comma that should not be there. Explain why, then rewrite the sentence correctly.

The teacher, entered the room quietly.

(2)

**3** Write two sentences of your own about a rainy day. Your first sentence must begin with a fronted adverbial of time. Your second sentence must begin with a fronted adverbial of place. Remember a comma after each adverbial.

(2)

**4** Combine the two short sentences below into one sentence. Use the time information from the second sentence to create a fronted adverbial at the start of your new sentence.

The bell rang for break time. This happened at exactly eleven o'clock.

(2)

**5** Look again at the passage 'The School Allotment' at the top of this pack. Find and write down three different fronted adverbials used by the writer. Do not use 'Suddenly', 'Behind the greenhouse' or 'Later that morning' - these are used elsewhere in this pack.

(3)


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**6** In the passage, the writer begins a sentence with the fronted adverbial 'Suddenly' ('Suddenly, a strong gust of wind knocked over three empty plant pots.'). Explain the effect of this choice on the reader.

**(2)**

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**7** The writer uses 'Behind the greenhouse' to open one sentence and 'Later that morning' to open another. Explain one difference between the effect of these two fronted adverbials on the reader.

**(2)**

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**8** Combine each pair of short sentences below into one sentence, turning the second sentence into a fronted adverbial of reason. Remember to add a comma after it.

**(a)** The picnic was cancelled. This was because of the storm. **(1)**

**(b)** The lesson finished early. This was due to a fire alarm. **(1)**

**(c)** The team lost the match. This was owing to two red cards. **(1)**


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**9** Tick the ONE sentence in each group that does NOT begin with a fronted adverbial.

**(a)** Which sentence does not begin with a fronted adverbial? **(1)**

- ☐ A) Quietly, the cat crept upstairs.
- ☐ B) The dog barked loudly.
- ☐ C) Yesterday, we visited the museum.
- ☐ D) Behind the shed, a fox was hiding.

**(b)** Which sentence does not begin with a fronted adverbial? **(1)**

- ☐ A) After the bell rang, everyone lined up.
- ☐ B) Nervously, Tom raised his hand.
- ☐ C) Because of the rain, play was cancelled.
- ☐ D) The teacher praised the class.

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**10** Add a fronted adverbial of your own to the front of each sentence below. Sentence (a) needs a fronted adverbial of REASON. Sentence (b) needs a fronted adverbial of MANNER. Punctuate each one correctly.

**(a)** ___ the picnic moved indoors. **(1)**

**(b)** ___ the kitten crept along the wall. **(1)**

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**11** Insert the missing comma after the fronted adverbial of reason in each sentence below.

**(a)** Because of the ice the school closed early. **(1)**

**(b)** Due to low ticket sales the concert was cancelled. **(1)**

**(c)** Owing to a technical fault the train was delayed. **(1)**


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**12** Sort the sentence openers in the box below into the correct column of the table: those that are fronted adverbials (and need a comma) and those that are simply the subject of the sentence (and need no comma).

Word bank: Slowly, | The teacher | Because of the wind, | My best friend | Next Tuesday, | The old bridge

| Fronted adverbial | Subject (no comma) |
|---|---|
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| | |
| | |

(6)


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**13** Tick the sentence in each pair that has its comma correctly placed after the fronted adverbial.

**(a)** Which sentence is correct? **(1)**

- ☐ A) Because of the fog the match was postponed.
- ☐ B) Because of the fog, the match was postponed.

**(b)** Which sentence is correct? **(1)**

- ☐ A) Owing to the strong wind, the kite flew high.
- ☐ B) Owing to the strong wind the kite flew high.

**(c)** Which sentence is correct? **(1)**

- ☐ A) Due to a power cut the lights went out.
- ☐ B) Due to a power cut, the lights went out.

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**14** Rewrite each sentence below, moving the adverbial phrase shown at the end of the sentence to the front. Add a comma after it in your new sentence.

**(a)** The kitten hid under the sofa this afternoon. **(2)**

**(b)** Two swans landed on the lake at dawn. **(2)**

**(c)** The children built a den after school. **(2)**


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# Mark scheme · 12.4 Fronted Adverbials: 30-minute Pack

## Question 1

comma inserted after Every Saturday morning cao **B1**

comma inserted after Without any warning cao **B1**

comma inserted after Quickly cao **B1**

Answer: **Every Saturday morning, Deepa helps her uncle at his market stall. Without any warning, a sudden shower soaked all the fruit boxes. Quickly, Deepa pulled a plastic sheet over the stall before the rain got worse.**

## Question 2

valid explanation that The teacher is the subject of the sentence, not a fronted adverbial, so no comma is needed (oe) **B1**

The teacher entered the room quietly. written with no comma cao **B1**

Answer: **The teacher entered the room quietly. (The teacher is the subject, not a fronted adverbial, so it should not be followed by a comma.)**

## Question 3

both sentences begin with a correctly punctuated fronted adverbial of the type stated (1 mark for each sentence) **B2**

Answer: **Example: Yesterday afternoon, the rain hammered against the classroom windows. Outside the school gates, puddles quickly began to form.**

## Question 4

time information correctly turned into a fronted adverbial at the start of the sentence, e.g. At exactly eleven o'clock (oe) **B1**

comma placed after the fronted adverbial and the rest of the sentence kept grammatically correct **B1**

Answer: **At exactly eleven o'clock, the bell rang for break time.**

## Question 5

one correct fronted adverbial identified from the passage, e.g. Every Tuesday afternoon, Yesterday, Carefully, Without complaining, In the shed or By the end of the lesson **B1**

a second, different correct fronted adverbial identified from the passage **B1**

a third, different correct fronted adverbial identified from the passage **B1**

Answer: **Any three of: Every Tuesday afternoon, Yesterday, Carefully, Without complaining, In the shed, By the end of the lesson.**

## Question 6

identifies that the adverbial signals an unexpected or abrupt change in the action **B1**

identifies an effect on the reader, e.g. creates surprise or breaks the calm mood of the gardening scene (oe) **B1**

Answer: **It shows the wind knocking over the pots happened with no warning, creating a brief moment of surprise that breaks the calm mood of the gardening scene.**

## Question 7

identifies that Behind the greenhouse is a fronted adverbial of place that shifts the reader's attention to a new location in the allotment **B1**

identifies that Later that morning is a fronted adverbial of time that moves the story forward and signals the passing of time (oe, accept either order) **B1**

Answer: **Behind the greenhouse shifts the reader's attention to a new place in the allotment, while Later that morning moves the story on in time, showing how much of the lesson has passed.**

## Question 8

(a) Because of the storm, the picnic was cancelled. cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **Because of the storm, the picnic was cancelled.**

(b) Due to a fire alarm, the lesson finished early. cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **Due to a fire alarm, the lesson finished early.**

(c) Owing to two red cards, the team lost the match. cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **Owing to two red cards, the team lost the match.**

## Question 9

(a) B ticked cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **B) The dog barked loudly.**

(b) D ticked cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **D) The teacher praised the class.**

## Question 10

(a) a suitable fronted adverbial of reason added, correctly followed by a comma, e.g. Because of the wasps, / Due to the rain, (oe) **B1**

(a) Answer: **Example: Because of the rain, the picnic moved indoors.**

(b) a suitable fronted adverbial of manner added, correctly followed by a comma, e.g. Silently, / Nervously, (oe) **B1**

(b) Answer: **Example: Silently, the kitten crept along the wall.**

## Question 11

(a) comma inserted after ice cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **Because of the ice, the school closed early.**

(b) comma inserted after sales cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **Due to low ticket sales, the concert was cancelled.**

(c) comma inserted after fault cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **Owing to a technical fault, the train was delayed.**


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## Question 12

Slowly, sorted as a fronted adverbial cao **B1**

Because of the wind, sorted as a fronted adverbial cao **B1**

Next Tuesday, sorted as a fronted adverbial cao **B1**

The teacher sorted as a subject cao **B1**

My best friend sorted as a subject cao **B1**

The old bridge sorted as a subject cao **B1**

Answer: **Fronted adverbial: Slowly,; Because of the wind,; Next Tuesday,. Subject: The teacher; My best friend; The old bridge.**

## Question 13

(a) B ticked cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **B) Because of the fog, the match was postponed.**

(b) A ticked cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **A) Owing to the strong wind, the kite flew high.**

(c) B ticked cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **B) Due to a power cut, the lights went out.**

## Question 14

(a) this afternoon moved to the front of the sentence cao **B1**

(a) comma inserted after this afternoon cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **This afternoon, the kitten hid under the sofa.**

(b) at dawn moved to the front of the sentence cao **B1**

(b) comma inserted after at dawn cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **At dawn, two swans landed on the lake.**

(c) after school moved to the front of the sentence cao **B1**

(c) comma inserted after after school cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **After school, the children built a den.**


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