12.5 Commas after Fronted Adverbials: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

The Talent Show at Meadowbrook Primary

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Early one Friday morning, the school hall was transformed for the annual talent show. Behind the stage curtain, the performers waited nervously for their turn. Deniz tuned his guitar one last time, and Yasmin practised her song under her breath. At exactly two o'clock, Mr Osei welcomed the parents and switched on the coloured spotlights. Without any warning, the microphone crackled loudly and made the whole audience jump. Bravely, the first act stepped forward and began to juggle three oranges. Later in the afternoon, a group of Year 4 pupils performed a dance they had choreographed themselves. Just before the interval, Yasmin finally walked onto the stage and sang her favourite song. Afterwards, the judges awarded a prize to every single performer. By the end of the show, everyone agreed it had been the best talent show yet.

1 Some sentence openers need a comma after them and some do not. Sort the openers in the box below into the correct column of the table.

Word bank: Quickly | The dog | After the game | My little sister | In the garden | The old man

Needs a comma	No comma needed

(6)

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2 Fronted adverbials can tell us when, where or how something happens. Sort the six fronted adverbials in the box below into the correct column of the table.

Word bank: Yesterday, | Behind the shed, | Quietly, | Next week, | Underneath the stage, | Nervously,

Time	Place	Manner

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3 Each sentence below has its comma in the wrong place. The comma should come straight after the whole fronted adverbial, not in the middle of it. Find the mistake and rewrite the sentence with the comma moved to the correct place.

(a) Just before the show started the audience, took their seats. **(1)**

(b) As soon as the curtain, opened the children cheered. **(1)**

(c) During the very last, dance the whole hall clapped along. **(1)**

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Question 1

Quickly sorted as needing a comma cao **B1**
After the game sorted as needing a comma cao **B1**
In the garden sorted as needing a comma cao **B1**
The dog sorted as no comma needed cao **B1**
My little sister sorted as no comma needed cao **B1**
The old man sorted as no comma needed cao **B1**

Answer: **Needs a comma: Quickly; After the game; In the garden. No comma needed: The dog; My little sister; The old man.**

Question 2

Yesterday, sorted as Time cao **B1**
Next week, sorted as Time cao **B1**
Behind the shed, sorted as Place cao **B1**
Underneath the stage, sorted as Place cao **B1**
Quietly, sorted as Manner cao **B1**
Nervously, sorted as Manner cao **B1**

Answer:

Time	Place	Manner
Yesterday,	Behind the shed,	Quietly,
Next week,	Underneath the stage,	Nervously,

Question 3

(a) comma moved to after started, not after audience cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **Just before the show started, the audience took their seats.**

(b) comma moved to after opened, not after curtain cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **As soon as the curtain opened, the children cheered.**

(c) comma moved to after dance, not after last cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **During the very last dance, the whole hall clapped along.**

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