



Monday 1st March Adverbial phrases

L.O- I can identify and use adverbial phrases

First a recap!

Fronted adverbials

- A fronted adverbial goes at the beginning of a sentence
- It describes the verb in the sentence
- It describes where, when and how



As soon as he could, Tom jumped off the train.



Last week, I went to the dentist.

1. Copy out the sentences that contain a fronted adverbial.
2. Underline or highlight the fronted adverbial

Inside, Yash felt a quiver of fear but he wouldn't let it show. Looking up into the man's eyes, he stood his ground. "No, I don't know you who you are, actually. I just know that you're holding up the whole group by complaining."

Until this point, Yash had not spotted the sweaty, beetroot-faced man lurking at the side of the room. Theodore Goldlaw sidled over to the table.

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Adverbial phrases

If an adverbial phrase is not used at the beginning of a sentence (fronted), it can be used in the middle or the end of a sentence. It still has the same function of adding more information about a verb and is called an adverbial phrase.

Adverbial Phrases

We can also use **phrases** rather than **single adverbs** to modify clauses. These are called **adverbial phrases**. Adverbial phrases do not usually contain a verb.

For example:



Zoe rode her bike **with excitement**.

Zoe rode her bike **down the road**.

Zoe rode her bike **like an expert**.

Can you make your own adverbial phrase to modify this clause?

'Tom ate his lunch _____.'

For example:

As quick as a flash, the boy ran upstairs.

The boy ran upstairs, **as quick as a flash**.

The boy, **as quick as a flash**, ran upstairs.

Wherever the adverbial phrase goes, it tells the reader more about HOW the boy ran upstairs.

Punctuation!

Look at how the adverbial phrase is separated from the main clause (sentence) using a comma/ commas.

There are 2 sentences below and **BOTH** include adverbial phrases.

Write the first sentence and underline the adverbial phrase.

Now re-write it underneath, but with the adverbial phrase either at the beginning or end of the main clause.

He pushed his way out of the tiny building, head bowed, and sat down on a rock. Plucking at the long dry strands of grass growing loosely around its edge, he swallowed a lump which was forming in his throat.

He pushed his way out of the tiny building, head bowed, and sat down on a rock.

He pushed his way out of the tiny building and sat down on a rock, head bowed.

Head bowed, he pushed his way out of the tiny building and sat down on a rock.

Now complete the sentence activity sheet.