

Varied Fluency

Step 2: Using Fronted Adverbials in Paragraphs – Fiction

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 4: Use of paragraphs to organise ideas around a theme

English Year 3/4: Draft and write by organising paragraphs around a theme

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support using fronted adverbials in paragraphs in fiction texts. Texts and questions are aimed at Year 4 Developing level readers.

Expected Questions to support using fronted adverbials in paragraphs in fiction texts. Texts and questions are aimed at Year 4 Secure level readers.

Greater Depth Questions to support using fronted adverbials in paragraphs in fiction texts. Texts and questions are aimed at Year 4 Mastery level readers.

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Using Fronted Adverbials in Paragraphs – Fiction

Grinning, Dr. Disaster took the laptop and ran up the stairs. He laughed as he went. The laptop would let him take over every computer in the world. He could send the signal from the roof. He would be able to do anything!

Chen was tied up. “Must... get these... ropes... off me!” Chen gasped. The tight knots did not move. Things were not looking good. Chen had to stop the mad doctor from reaching the roof or it would all be over.

High above, Dr. Disaster laughed as he ran towards the roof. At last, he was going to win and there was nothing Chen could do about it! The doctor grinned from ear to ear. As he turned a corner, he froze. A tall man blocked his way. “I’m back,” a voice said. “You can’t get rid of me. Where do you think you’re going?”

Two minutes later, the basement door was kicked open. Feeling scared, Chen looked up, but then smiled. It was Lars! He had the doctor and the laptop. “Looking for these?” Lars said.

1a. Find and copy the fronted adverbial in paragraph one.



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2a. True or false? Paragraph two starts with a fronted adverbial.



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3a. ‘He had the doctor and the laptop.’ Which fronted adverbial below would be best added to this sentence from paragraph four?

A.	In his hands,
B.	Yesterday,



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4a. Circle a fronted adverbial that tells you *where* something happened.



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Two times a day, a man would open a hidden door in the castle walls. In the morning, a young boy would go in carrying a letter. In the evening, the same boy would come out and go back to the forest. Wulfric had been watching it happen. "That's our way in, Brun," he whispered to his dog. "Through there, we'll find the biggest pile of gold in the land."

A month before, Wulfric had stopped in the city. He was going to another town but the castle was interesting. He had seen how rich it looked. People had been happy to talk about what was hidden there. They never got any gold and moaned about what they were missing. "The queen has a gold bed," someone had said.

"The king counts his money all day and never reaches the end!" someone else had said.

In the woods, Wulfric and Brun waited for evening. There was no way to know how many guards were on the other side of that door, but there was only one way to find out.

1b. Find and copy the fronted adverbial in paragraph four.



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2b. True or false? Paragraph two starts with a fronted adverbial.



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3b. 'Wulfric had been watching it happen.' Which fronted adverbial below would be best added to this sentence from paragraph one?

A.	Never,
B.	Secretly,



VF

4b. Circle a fronted adverbial that tells you *where* something happened.



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With an evil grin, Dr. Disaster grabbed the laptop and ran up the stairs. He laughed loudly as he climbed. The codes on the laptop would let him take over every computer in the world. The satellite dish on the roof was powerful enough to send the signal. He would be able to do anything he wanted!

Chen was still tied up tightly. “Must... get these... ropes... off me!” he gasped, fighting to free himself. The bunched knots did not budge. Things were not looking good. He had to escape and stop the crazy doctor from reaching the dish or it would all be over.

Many floors above, Dr. Disaster cackled as he skipped towards the roof ladder. For the first time ever, he was going to win and there was absolutely nothing that Chen boy could do about it! The thought made the doctor grin from ear to ear. As he turned the final corner, he looked up... and froze. A tall shape barred the way to the ladder. “I’m back,” a deep voice said. “You can’t get rid of me that easily. Where do you think you’re going with that computer?”

A couple of minutes later, the door to the basement was thrown open. Fearfully, Chen looked up, but then started to smile. It was Lars! He had the doctor in one hand and the laptop in the other. “I heard you were looking for these?” the huge man said.

5a. Find and copy the fronted adverbials in paragraph four.



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6a. True or false? Paragraph three starts with a fronted adverbial.



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7a. Which fronted adverbial below would be best added to the first sentence of paragraph two?

A.	Secondly,
B.	Every single day,
C.	Down in the basement,



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8a. Circle the fronted adverbials that tell you *how* something happened.



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Twice a day, a soldier would open a hidden door in the massive castle walls. At dawn, a young boy would slip inside carrying a mysterious letter. At dusk, the same boy would reappear, and sneak carefully away. Wulfric knew this because he had been watching it happen for weeks. “That’s our way in, Brun,” he whispered, patting his best dog on the head. “Through that little door, we’ll find the largest pile of gold in the kingdom.”

A month or so earlier, Wulfric had come to the city and stopped for a drink. He was on his way to another town but the castle had interested him. From a long way away, he had seen how wealthy it appeared. People in the city had been happy to talk about what was hidden there. They never got their hands on any gold and were quick to moan about what they were missing. “The queen sleeps on a golden bed,” someone had whispered.

“I heard the king just counts his money all day and never reaches the end!” another had cried, angrily.

Beneath the trees, Wulfric and Brun waited for dusk. There was no way to know what stood between them and the gold on the other side of that door, but there was only one way to find out.

5b. Find and copy the fronted adverbials in paragraph two.



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6b. True or false? Paragraph three starts with a fronted adverbial.



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7b. Which fronted adverbial below would be best added to the fourth sentence of paragraph two?

A.	When Wulfric asked,
B.	Silently,
C.	In the castle,



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8b. Circle the fronted adverbials that tell you *when* something happened.



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With a twisted smirk, Dr. Disaster seized the laptop and scurried up the stairs. He sniggered with evil delight as he climbed closer to his goal. The carefully designed virus on the laptop would grant him control over every computer in the world. The immense satellite dish sitting high on the building's roof was easily powerful enough to send the signal. He would have the ability to do whatever he pleased!

Chen was trapped and tightly bound. "Must... get these... ropes... off me!" Chen gasped, struggling desperately against the ropes. The bunched knots did not budge. Things were looking hopeless. Chen had to escape and somehow prevent the power-crazed doctor from reaching the dish or it would all be over.

Several storeys above, Dr. Disaster cackled gleefully as he skipped towards the roof access ladder. After so many failures, he was finally going to win and there was absolutely nothing that useless Chen boy could do about it! Just thinking about the look of failure on Chen's face made the doctor grin from ear to ear. As he rounded the corner into the final corridor, he looked up... and instantly froze. A hulking figure from the distant past barred the way to the ladder. "I'm back," a deep voice rumbled. "You must have realised you couldn't get rid of me that easily! Where do you imagine you're sneaking off to with that computer?"

A couple of shriek-filled minutes later, the door to the basement exploded off its hinges. Hesitantly, Chen peeped through his fingers, but then broke into a beaming smile. It was Lars! He was grasping the unfortunate doctor in one gigantic hand and the laptop in the other. "I heard you were looking for these?" the giant growled.

9a. Find and copy the fronted adverbials in paragraph three.



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10a. True or false? Paragraph four starts with a fronted adverbial.



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11a. Which fronted adverbial below would be best added to the final sentence of paragraph one?

A.	In a matter of moments,
B.	As Lars wrestled the doctor,
C.	Buried deep in the basement,



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12a. Circle the fronted adverbials that tell you *when* something happened.



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Twice daily, one of the soldiers would open a concealed door at the base of the brooding castle walls. As dawn broke each morning, a young boy would slip inside bearing a mysterious letter. As the sun set, the same boy would reappear and sneak cautiously back to the safety of the forest. Wulfric knew this because he had been watching it happen, day after day, for weeks on end. It was like clockwork. “That’s our way in, Brun,” he muttered, ruffling the ears of his most trusted dog. “On the other side of that little door, we’ll get our hands on the greatest gold hoard in the kingdom.”

Around a month or so previously, Wulfric had wandered into the city to gather supplies and rest from the road for a night. He had planned to journey to another town but the grandness of the castle had persuaded him to stay a while. From afar, its obvious wealth had caught his eye. The city’s poorer residents had been happy to discuss what was hidden behind those towering walls. Peasants never got a sniff of the treasure and were quick to whine about what they were missing. “The queen lounges around on a solid gold bed,” one such grumbler had whispered.

“A friend of mine who works at the castle says King Osbert counts his money all day but never has enough hours to reach the total!” another had cried, enviously.

Beneath the cover of an ancient oak, Wulfric and Brun waited quietly for dusk, and the soft click of a key in a lock. It was impossible to guess what stood between them and the gold on the other side of that secret door, but there was only one way to find out.

9b. Find and copy the fronted adverbials in paragraph one.



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10b. True or false? Paragraph four starts with a fronted adverbial.



VF

11b. Which fronted adverbial below would be best added to the second sentence of paragraph two?

A.	Continually,
B.	Within King Osbert’s dungeons,
C.	Originally,



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12b. Circle the fronted adverbials that tell you *where* something happened.



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Developing

1a. **Grinning**

2a. **False**

3a. **A**

4a. **High above**

Expected

5a. **A couple of minutes later; Fearfully**

6a. **True**

7a. **C**

8a. **With an evil grin; Fearfully**

Greater Depth

9a. **Several storeys above; After so many failures; As he rounded the corner into the final corridor**

10a. **True**

11a. **A**

12a. **After so many failures; As he rounded the corner into the final corridor; A couple of shriek-filled minutes later**

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Developing

1b. **In the woods**

2b. **True**

3b. **B**

4b. **Through there; In the woods**

Expected

5b. **A month or so earlier; From a long way away**

6b. **False**

7b. **A**

8b. **Twice a day; At dawn; At dusk; A month or so earlier**

Greater Depth

9b. **Twice daily; As dawn broke each morning; As the sun set; On the other side of that little door**

10b. **True**

11b. **C**

12b. **On the other side of that little door; From afar; Beneath the cover of an ancient oak**