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**Fronted Adverbials**

A fronted adverbial is a word or phrase that goes at the beginning of a sentence to add detail to the main clause of the sentence.

For example:

**Before sunset, people arrived at the party.** (the fronted adverbial here, tells us when)

**At the ball, Juliet was admired by many young men.** (the fronted adverbial here, tells us where)

**Loudly, Lord Capulet shouted at Tybalt** (the fronted adverbial here, tells us how)

**REMEMBER: You need to put a comma after the fronted adverbial before the main clause of your sentence.**

Time fronted adverbials are specifically when you want to show the order that things happened in.

**Some examples are:**

Firstly

Secondly

Next

After that

Afterwards

Meanwhile

Eventually

Before that

At that moment

Here

Finally

Later that afternoon

Earlier that morning

Useful videos:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/zp937p3>

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Rewrite these sentences with a fronted adverbial

1. **The guests arrived at the Capulet Mansion as the sun was setting**

**As the sun was setting,** **the guests arrived at the Capulet Mansion.**

1. **There had been a fight between the Capulets and Montagues earlier that morning.**

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1. **Prince Escalus rode in to the square at that moment.**

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1. **Mercutio was laughing and taunting Tybalt meanwhile.**

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1. **Romeo called out to Juliet later that night.**

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1. **Romeo and Juliet finally find out they are from opposing families.**

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**Challenge.** Now write your own sentences from these moments in Act 1, using time fronted adverbials.

* Romeo and Juliet see each other at the ball.
* Benvolio, Romeo’s cousin, tries to stop the fight between the Montagues and Capulets.
* Paris tells Lord Capulet he wishes to marry Juliet.
* Tybalt recognises Romeo at the ball.