



Macbeth : Act 1
Year 3 and Year 4
Grammar Exercise
Time Fronted Adverbials

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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, the Scots had won the battle. (the fronted adverbial here, tells us when)

At the battle, Macbeth swung his sword in fury. (the fronted adverbial here, tells us where)

Loudly, Banquo shouted to Macbeth (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

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Rewrite these sentences with a fronted adverbial

1. Banquo and Macbeth walked across the Heath as the sun was setting

As the sun was setting, Banquo and Macbeth walked across the Heath.

2. There had been a battle between the Scots and Norwegians earlier that day .

3. Three figures appeared at that moment.

4. Banquo and Macbeth were laughing meanwhile.

5. Macbeth wrote to Lady Macbeth later that evening.

6. King Duncan finally find out the Thane of Cawdor had betrayed him.



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

- The Norwegians lost the battle.
- King Duncan decides to make Macbeth the new Thane of Cawdor.
- The three witches meet on the heath.
- Lady Macbeth received a letter from her husband.

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7. Banquo and Macbeth walked across the Heath as the sun was setting

As the sun was setting, Banquo and Macbeth walked across the Heath.

8. There had been a battle between the Scots and Norwegians earlier that day .

Earlier that day, there had been a battle between the Scots and Norwegians

9. Three figures appeared at that moment.

At that moment, three figures appeared.

10. Banquo and Macbeth were laughing meanwhile.

Meanwhile, Banquo and Macbeth were laughing.

11. Macbeth wrote to Lady Macbeth later that evening.

Later that evening, Macbeth wrote to Lady Macbeth

12. King Duncan finally find out the Thane of Cawdor had betrayed him.

Finally, King Duncan found out the Thane of Cawdor had betrayed him.

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

- **Earlier that day,** the Norwegians lost the battle.
- **Later that afternoon,** King Duncan decides to make Macbeth the new Thane of Cawdor.
- **Early that morning,** the three witches meet on the heath.
- **That evening,** Lady Macbeth received a letter from her husband.