

HAMLET : Act 1

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 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 midnight, the battlements were empty except for two lonely soldiers.** (the fronted adverbial here, tells us when)

**In the court, people cheered for Claudius and Gertrude.** (the fronted adverbial here, tells us where)

**Silently, the ghost travelled along the battlements.** (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

**Example: Horatio gasped at that moment**

At that moment, Horatio gasped.

1. **Old Hamlet was killed later that day.**
2. **The ghost appeared at that moment.**
3. **Horatio ran to find Hamlet after that.**
4. **Claudius was meanwhile trying to be patient.**
5. **Laertes was getting ready to leave for France earlier that morning.**



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

* + The ghost tells Hamlet to seek revenge
	+ Hamlet waited on the cold, misty battlements.
	+ Two soldiers, were talking about seeing the ghost of Old Hamlet
	+ Horatio tells Hamlet that the ghost of the dead King Hamlet appeared to him on the battlements



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ANSWERS

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Rewrite these sentences with a fronted adverbial

1. **Old Hamlet was killed later that day.**

**Later that day, Old Hamlet was killed.**

1. **The ghost appeared at that moment.**

**At that moment, the ghost appeared.**

1. **Horatio ran to find Hamlet after that.**

After that, Horatio ran to find Hamlet

1. **Claudius was meanwhile trying to be patient.**

Meanwhile, Claudius was trying to be patient.

1. **Laertes was getting ready to leave for France earlier that morning.**

Earlier that morning, Laertes was getting ready to leave for France

**Challenge.** Now write your own sentences from these moments in Act 1, using time fronted adverbials. There are many different time fronted adverbials that could work for the sentences. Below are just some examples

* + **Eventually,** the ghost tells Hamlet to seek revenge
	+ **Later that night,** Hamlet waited on the cold, misty battlements.
	+ **Earlier,** two soldiers were talking about seeing the ghost of Old Hamlet
	+ **Secondly,** Horatio tells Hamlet that the ghost of the dead King Hamlet appeared to him on the battlements