

A note to parents: A **fronted adverbial** is a word, phrase or clause that is placed at the start of a sentence. They are used to tell the reader more about the action in the sentence such as **how (manner)**, **when (time)** or **where (place)** something happens. A fronted adverbial is separated from the main clause with a comma. For example:

Like a speeding bullet, Superman flew through the sky.

Spot the Missing Comma

Placing Commas After Fronted Adverbials

Oh dear! Somebody has written these fantastic sentences but has forgotten to add a comma after the fronted adverbial. Find where the comma should go in each sentence and, using a coloured pen or pencil, add the comma to each one.

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2. With a mighty roar the lion leapt onto a rock and scared all the visitors at the zoo.
3. In a dark cave there lived a ferocious dragon.
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