

Adverbials

What are **adverbials**?

What do we mean when we say an adverbial is **fronted**?

How do we **punctuate** adverbials?





Adverbials

Adverbials tell us more about a **verb or clause**.

*The lion **roared***

desperately

Adverbials can be

a word,

a phrase,

or a clause.

in the distance

as he arrived



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answer the questions...

Where?

Jabu heard the lion.

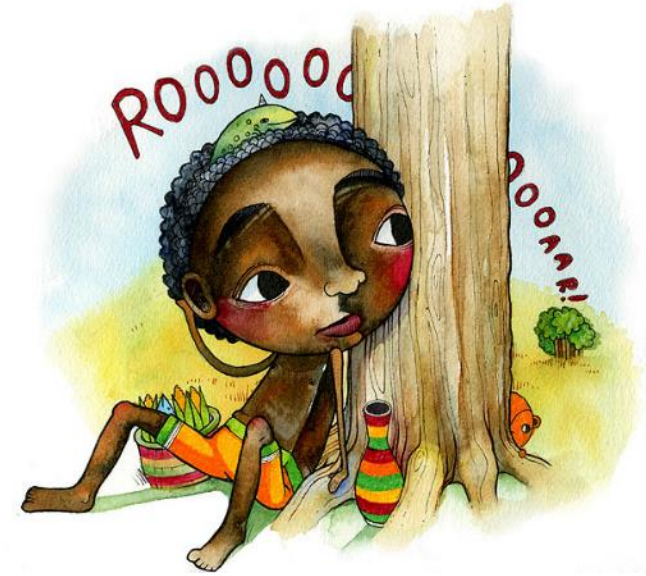
When?

*Jabu **heard** the lion in the distance.*

How?

*Jabu **heard** the lion as he sat and thought.*

*Jabu **heard** the lion with surprise.*



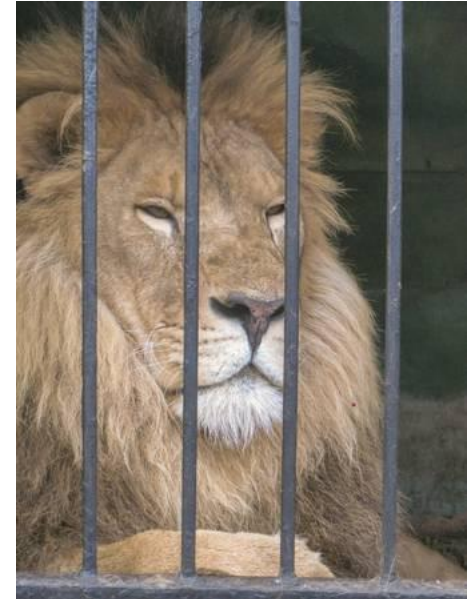
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Adverbials often have a preposition at their head.

*The cage **held** the lion with its steel bars.*

*The cage **held** the lion in its grip.*

*The cage **held** the lion as it roared and raged.*



The preposition links the **adverbial** to the rest of the sentence.





Fronted Adverbials

Adverbials can be placed at the beginning or end of a clause.
When an **adverbial** appears *in front* of the sentence it is modifying...
it is called a **fronted adverbial**.

No special punctuation needed

*The lion was calm **during the rescue**.*

*Jabu glanced **with a nervous expression**.*

*Promises were forgotten **before long**.*

*They were safe **finally**.*

Comma after the fronted adverbial

***During the rescue**, the lion was calm.*

***With a nervous expression**, Jabu glanced.*

***Before long**, promises were forgotten.*

***Finally**, they were safe.*

Fronted adverbials are separated from the main part of the sentence by a **comma**.

Spotting and Punctuating Adverbials

ANSWERS

Spot the adverbial in each sentence.
Decide if punctuation is needed and where.

Without warning, the lion roared.

The donkey answered them with a bitter laugh.

Like a leaf Jabu shook.

Thinking quickly, the jackal closed the cage.

The Lion roared from inside.



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