

# Playing with Fronted Adverbials

## The resource

A set of 60 (5 groups of colour and letter coded) cards which combine a fronted adverbial with a main clause. The fronted adverbials cover: time, frequency, manner, place and degree.

The independent clauses have been designed to combine with a specific fronted adverbial. The aim of the activity is to encourage children to enrich their choice of phrases to make more interesting sentences.

## A suggested game

Suitable for 3 - 6 players.

Choose any three sets of colour coded cards. Shuffle well and arrange, face down in rows. Each player takes it in turns to turn over two cards. If they make a pair (the cards are letter coded to avoid ambiguity), they must be read out to establish that they make sense. The pair of cards is then kept by that player who is then allowed another turn. If they do not match, they are placed, face down in their original position and the next player takes a turn. The game continues until all the pairs are matched.

The player with the most pairs wins.

*We recommend that the cards are printed onto white card and laminated.*

Fronted  
Adverbial  
Time  
(A)

All of a sudden,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
Time  
(B)

After school,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
Time  
(C)

In the middle of  
the night,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
Time  
(D)

Eventually,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
Time  
(E)

Today,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
Time  
(F)

Last month,

Independent  
Clause  
(A)

...there was a loud  
bang.

Independent  
Clause  
(B)

...I played with my  
friend.

Independent  
Clause  
(C)

...my little puppy  
jumped onto my  
bed.

Independent  
Clause  
(D)

...the snowman  
melted.

Independent  
Clause  
(E)

...I am having fish  
fingers for lunch.

Independent  
Clause  
(F)

...I joined a new  
dance class.

Fronted  
Adverbial  
Place  
(A)

In a crooked  
little cottage,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
Place  
(B)

In the distance,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
Place  
(C)

In the sand,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
Place  
(D)

Back at the  
house,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
Place  
(E)

In the cave,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
Place  
(F)

At the top of the  
tree,

Independent  
Clause  
(A)

...there lived a  
wicked witch.

Independent  
Clause  
(B)

...I could see the  
old steam train.

Independent  
Clause  
(C)

...I found a  
beautiful shell.

Independent  
Clause  
(D)

...Sam waited  
patiently.

Independent  
Clause  
(E)

...the pirates hid  
the treasure.

Independent  
Clause  
(F)

...a little robin  
was perched.

Fronted  
Adverbial  
Frequency  
(A)

Regularly,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
Frequency  
(B)

Every week,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
Frequency  
(C)

Once,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
Frequency  
(D)

Occasionally,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
Frequency  
(E)

Every second,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
Frequency  
(F)

Sometimes,

Independent  
Clause  
(A)

...I go to visit my  
Granny.

Independent  
Clause  
(B)

...my Mum goes to  
the hairdresser's.

Independent  
Clause  
(C)

...I ate a whole  
box of  
chocolates.

Independent  
Clause  
(D)

...my parents allow  
me to stay up  
late.

Independent  
Clause  
(E)

...I grow a little  
older.

Independent  
Clause  
(F)

...I forget to  
brush my teeth.

Fronted  
Adverbial  
**Manner**  
(A)

As quick as a  
flash,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
**Manner**  
(B)

Like a knight in  
shining armour,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
**Manner**  
(C)

Amazingly,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
**Manner**  
(D)

As fast as she  
could,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
**Manner**  
(E)

Without a sound,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
**Manner**  
(F)

Suddenly,



Independent  
Clause  
(A)

...the frog turned  
into a prince.

Independent  
Clause  
(B)

...the brave  
policeman came to  
the rescue.

Independent  
Clause  
(C)

...Mrs. Dodd lived  
to be over 100  
years old.

Independent  
Clause  
(D)

...Tim opened his  
birthday  
presents.

Independent  
Clause  
(E)

... the cat crept  
up on the mouse.

Independent  
Clause  
(F)

...a bolt of  
lightning flashed  
across the sky.

Fronted  
Adverbial  
Degree  
(A)

Totally confused,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
Degree  
(B)

Extremely tired,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
Degree  
(C)

Very carefully,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
Degree  
(D)

Almost always,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
Degree  
(E)

Just in time,

Fronted  
Adverbial  
Degree  
(F)

Really happily,

Independent  
Clause  
(A)

...the little girl  
began to panic.

Independent  
Clause  
(B)

...I crept upstairs  
to bed.

Independent  
Clause  
(C)

...Simon put the  
glasses into the  
dishwasher.

Independent  
Clause  
(D)

...I hand my  
homework in on  
time.

Independent  
Clause  
(E)

...I arrived for  
my doctor's  
appointment.

Independent  
Clause  
(F)

...the little dog  
wagged its tail.