

# Commas with fronted adverbials

Practise using commas to mark off adverbials in sentences



**i** Adverbials can be added to sentences to show how, why, when or where something happens. They can take the form of a clause (e.g. *When I have washed up*, we can go out), a phrase (e.g. *After lunch*, we can go out), or a single word (*Soon*, we can go out). Adverbials can go anywhere in a sentence, but when they start a sentence, they need to be punctuated with a comma. Adverbials at the start of a sentence are known as **fronted adverbials** and the comma separates the adverbial clause, phrase or word from the main clause in the sentence.

**A**

Tick the sentence that is punctuated correctly:

At the end, of the lesson she put the books away.

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At, the end of the lesson she put the books away.

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At the end of the lesson, she put the books away.

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At the end of the lesson she, put the books away.

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**B**

Add commas in the right places:

By the afternoon the climbers had reached the summit.

Unfortunately the weather is getting worse.

When I get home I want you to help me with the dishes.

After lunch we went outside to play.

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PRACTICE

Rewrite this sentence, adding a fronted adverbial:

She had bought her key with her.

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Using a fronted adverbial, write about something you did at the weekend, e.g. On Saturday, we went shopping.

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**CHALLENGE**  
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