

Fronted adverbials

Name: _____

Part 1 · Mina in the greenhouse

Choose an opening that tells your reader when, where or how.



Look at one example

After breakfast, Mina carried the tray.

Keep the whole opening together. Put the comma after it. The main clause can stand as a sentence.

1 Find the whole opening

Underline the whole opening. Circle its comma. Choose when, where or how.

- A Before lunch, Mina watered the seedlings. ☐ When ☐ Where ☐ How
- B Beside the bench, Mina put down the tray. ☐ When ☐ Where ☐ How
- C With great care, Mina lifted the tray. ☐ When ☐ Where ☐ How

2 Move the time phrase

Move **before lunch** to the front. Add the comma. Keep the other words.

Mina watered the seedlings before lunch.

Write the sentence.

3 Find the comma place

Add one comma to this sentence. Circle the last word of the opening.

Beside the greenhouse door Mina left her boots.



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Part 2 · Choose for your reader

4 Who or where?

A · Underline the words that tell you what grew.

The small plants grew in the greenhouse.

B · Underline the whole opening that tells you where.

Inside the greenhouse, the small plants grew.

Should A have a comma after plants?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Why?

5 Choose for your reader

Choose the opening that gives the detail your reader needs. Say why, or write a few words.

Your reader needs to know how Mina lifted the tray.

☐ With great care ☐ Beside the bench

Why did you choose it?

Your reader needs to know when Mina watered the seedlings.

☐ Near the door ☐ Before lunch

Why did you choose it?



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Part 3 · Write and check

6 Improve Mina's paragraph

Choose one sentence. Add a useful time, place or manner opening. Copy your three-sentence paragraph below. Change only that sentence; keep the other two unchanged.

The wind shook the greenhouse door. Mina checked the seedlings. She closed the window.

Underline your opening and circle its comma.

Write your three sentences.

My opening helps the reader notice...

- The opening adds useful information.
- The main part is still a complete sentence.
- The comma follows the whole opening.
- The other two sentences stay unchanged.

7 Try a new setting

Move **at sunset** to the front. Add the comma. Check your capital letter and full stop.

The boat reached the shore at sunset.

Write the sentence.

Read your writing aloud. Does it tell the reader what you wanted?