Using Fronted Adverbials

Part A

Fronted adverbials are words or collections of words at the start of sentences that tell the reader more about the verb in the sentence.

Using ISPACE can help you remember six different ways to create fronted adverbials:

I	**-Ing word**	e.g. Shaking with fear,...
S	**Simile**	e.g. Like a raging bull,...
P	**Preposition**	e.g. Behind the clouds,...
A	**Adverb**	e.g. Anxiously,...
C	**Conjunction**	e.g. After he opened his eyes,...
E	**-Ed word**	e.g. Exhausted,...

E.g. _____ the tree's branches blew in the wind.

Under a star-filled sky, the tree's branches blew in the wind.

Add your own fronted adverbials to the following sentences. Can you use a range of types of fronted adverbials as listed above?

Remember to place a comma after a fronted adverbial.

1. _____ the gardener picked up a glowing feather.
2. _____ the tsar summoned his sons and his gardener.
3. _____ Vasily put his flute in his bag.
4. _____ Dmitry tidied away his playing cards.
5. _____ Ivan asked his father if he could have a turn.
6. _____ the brothers sniggered at the gardener.
7. Can you write your own sentence which includes a fronted adverbial? It could be about something you have done today.

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Part B

Fronted adverbials are words or collections of words at the start of sentences that tell the reader more about the verb in the sentence.

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S	**Simile**	e.g. Like a raging bull,...
P	**Preposition**	e.g. Behind the clouds,...
A	**Adverb**	e.g. Anxiously,...
C	**Conjunction**	e.g. After he opened his eyes,...
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Write sentences linked to the story of 'Firebird' which include fronted adverbials. Aim to write a sentence starting with each of the types of fronted adverbials shown above in the ISPACE model.

Use the word bank to help you with ideas for your sentences.

E.g. for the '-Ing word', you might write:

Flapping her glorious wings, the firebird flew down and snatched a delicious golden apple.

Word Bank

gazing, grasping, dozing, shouting, struggling

like a ....., as quick as ..., as angry as ....., as tired as...

under, in, beneath, among, between

suddenly, finally, bravely, valiantly, nervously

after, while, whenever, if

determined, defeated, delighted, amazed

I

S

P

A

C

E

Challenge Task

Write a short paragraph about the events of Chapter 1, including a range of types of fronted adverbials.

Using Fronted Adverbials **Answers**

Part A

1. ***With a knowing smile,*** the gardener picked up a glowing feather.
2. ***Angrily,*** the tsar summoned his sons and his gardener.
3. ***Taking care not to damage it,*** Vasily put his flute in his bag.
4. ***Exhausted,*** Dmitry tidied away his playing cards.
5. ***Under the hot midday sun,*** Ivan asked his father if he could have a turn.
6. ***Like malicious hyenas,*** the brothers sniggered at the gardener.
7. ***Greedily, I devoured my breakfast.***

Part B

I – ***Gazing in awe, Ivan saw the firebird appear.***

S – ***Like a fierce lion, the tsar summoned his sons to speak to him.***

P – ***Under the apple tree, Vasily placed his collection of nuts and snacks.***

A – ***Suddenly, a bright light filled the sky.***

C – ***Although he felt tired, Vasily continued to play his flute.***

E – ***Determined to succeed, Ivan grabbed the firebird and held on to the tail.***

Challenge Task

Example answer:

In a land far away, there lived a mighty tsar. Although he loved his three sons very dearly, he had another treasured possession. It was a tree which bore apples made of pure gold. Like a glowing sculpture, this tree had stood for decades in the tsar's favourite orchard. When the tree's golden apples started to go missing, the tsar was troubled. Quickly, he called his sons and his gardener to him and offered half of his kingdom to whoever could catch the thief. Determined to help their father, the sons took up their watch one after the other. Confidently, his eldest son, Dmitry, took guard of the tree on the first night. Sadly, he failed to catch the culprit. Next, his middle son, Vasily, had his turn but he too failed to capture whoever was responsible for stealing the treasured fruit. Lastly, young Ivan prepared to watch over the tree. Up in the branches of the tree, Ivan balanced and was awake and ready when the thief, an impressive firebird, made her move. Shaking and trembling, the resolute Ivan grabbed the tail of the intruder and refused to let go.