

## SPAG Knowledge Organiser Part 2

### Section 3 Fronted Adverbials

#### What is an adverbial?

An adverbial is a word, phrase or clause that is used to modify (make a change to) a verb or a clause.

#### What is a fronted adverbial?

When an adverbial is used at the beginning of a sentence, they are called 'fronted adverbials'.

#### Punctuation

A comma is used to punctuate a fronted adverbial.

Fronted adverbials can be used to describe...

- the *time* something happens  
*Before sunrise*, Darius crept into the beast's cave.
- the *frequency* (how often) something happens,  
*Occasionally*, Darius could hear the beast growl.
- the *place* something happens,  
*At the back of the cave*, the foul creature began to stir.
- the *manner* something happens,  
*As quick as a flash*, Darius darted behind a nearby rock.

#### More Fronted Adverbials

Time	Frequency	Place	Manner
On Thursday, At 1 o'clock, After a while, Later that day, The next day,	Often, Daily, Sometimes, Every year, Regularly,	Near the gate, Behind the door, In the garden, Beneath the sea, Under the bed,	Sadly, Nervously, Ravenously, Politely, Carefully,

### Section 4 Features of a Non-Fiction Text

A non-fiction text contains factual information. For example, a non-fiction text may tell you about Ancient Egypt, elephants or how to fix a broken bicycle.

- **main title (often in bold to attract attention)** – lets the reader know what the text is about.
- **subheadings** – lets the reader know what the different sections in the text are about
- **introduction** – tells the reader what they will be learning about when they read the text
- **bullet pointed list** – a list of short, linked points that the writer wants to draw attention to
- **topic sentence** – gives an overview of what the paragraph is about
- **paragraph** – a group of linked sentences about a particular topic
- **picture or diagram** – helps the reader to understand something using a visual method
- **caption** – explains what the picture/diagram is in order to help the reader to understand it
- **key vocabulary in bold** – draws the reader's attention to important or technical words
- **conclusion** – draws together what has been learned
- **glossary** – a mini dictionary of new or technical vocabulary linked to the subject matter of the text