

Fast Five

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2. She heaved it into her lap with all her effort.
3. Paper was lying on the ground, under the shadow of a tree.

Fast Five Answers

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2. With all her effort, she heaved it into her lap.
3. Under the shadow of a tree, Paper was lying on the ground.

Can I use fronted adverbials
to advance a story?

Fronted Adverbials

-Words or phrases at the **start** of a sentence that add description about **when**, **where** or **how** something happened.

-Always followed by a comma

On Saturdays, Jonah liked to ride his bike to the woods.

After she'd broken down the door, the firefighter rushed in and saved the family.

Look for the fronted adverbials in the model on the next slide. What are they describing?

Broken: Rock, Paper, Scissors

On the bare, flat top of a gargantuan, rocky cliff, stood a boulder as grey as a mouse's fur. Beneath a baking hot summer sun and bright blue sky, pieces of it began to crumble. Jagged, uneven cracks showed up on its surface, as if it were being hacked at by a chainsaw. All of a sudden, an arm appeared, then another, and finally loose rocks and pebbles tumbled to the ground to reveal an immense figure, made entirely of rock. His round, satsuma nose sat perched in the middle of his face and broad, strong shoulders jutted out square from his neck. Stooping over, his fists dragged on the floor like a gorilla.

Wandering over to the knife edge of the cliff, the rocky creature noticed a beautiful girl - with paper-thin clothes and curly, straw-like paper hair - gliding smoothly and effortlessly between her forest creations. Dreamily, he gazed at her with a bright beam from ear to ear. His chin rested in the palm of his hand and his head drooped comfortably to one side.

Suddenly, he heard the painful sound of a blade slicing through the woodland. Rock jerked his head to where he had seen the noise: he spotted a slim but powerful figure storming through Paper's precious home. Every step the evil monster took led to destruction; his name was Scissors.

In shock, the bulky Rock clumsily stumbled off his stony cliff. The breakable buddy, who was as heavy as an elephant and a fierce warrior, hurtled and rolled down the steep slope. As he fell, Paper - the most elegant, delicate fairy - swiftly dodged the Hulk-like creature, who landed, slumped, on the floor in front of her. He gawked up at her. Motionlessly, she stared at the one who had entered into her territory. She found the figure fierce-looking and very intimidating.

Where	When	How
<p data-bbox="123 221 649 358"><u>On the bare, flat top of a gargantuan, rocky cliff,</u> stood a boulder as grey as a mouse's fur.</p> <p data-bbox="123 399 645 536"><u>Beneath a baking hot summer sun and bright blue sky,</u> pieces of it began to crumble.</p> <p data-bbox="123 654 681 790"><u>Wandering over to the knife edge of the cliff,</u> the rocky creature noticed a beautiful girl.</p>	<p data-bbox="722 221 1300 459"><u>All of a sudden,</u> an arm appeared, then another, and finally loose rocks and pebbles tumbled to the ground to reveal an immense figure, made entirely of rock.</p> <p data-bbox="722 501 1302 637"><u>Suddenly,</u> he heard the painful sound of a blade slicing through the woodland.</p> <p data-bbox="722 679 1253 815"><u>As he fell,</u> Paper - the most elegant, delicate fairy – swiftly dodged the Hulk-like creature.</p>	<p data-bbox="1358 221 1779 358"><u>Motionlessly,</u> she stared at the one who had entered into her territory.</p> <p data-bbox="1358 476 1808 612"><u>Dreamily,</u> he gazed at her with a bright beam from ear to ear.</p>

Red Challenge:

Complete these sentences:

- 1) Without a sound, _____.
- 2) As the moon shone bright above them, _____.
- 3) At the top of the cliff, _____.

Use these sentence starters to write sentences with fronted adverbials:

- 1) After she'd _____, _____.
- 2) Just as _____, _____.
- 3) When _____, _____.

Yellow Challenge:

Use these sentence starters to write sentences with fronted adverbials:

- 1) After she'd _____, _____.
- 2) Just as _____, _____.
- 3) When _____, _____.

Now think of **3 more** sentences with fronted adverbials you could use to advance your story.

Green Challenge:

Write a paragraph describing what is happening at this point in the story. Use fronted adverbials to describe when, where and how things happen.



Red and Yellow Possible Answers:

Complete these sentences:

- 1) Without a sound, **Rock guided Paper through the forest.**
- 2) As the moon shone bright above them, **they searched for a better hiding spot.**
- 3) At the top of the cliff, **Scissors stared menacingly at the creatures of the forest .**

Use these sentence starters to write sentences with fronted adverbials:

- 1) After she'd **bumped into rock, Paper felt much safer and started to relax.**
- 2) Just as **they thought they'd escaped unharmed, Scissors came into sight.**
- 3) When **the birds stopped chirping, they heard his blades tearing through the forest.**