

## Adverbial Phrases for Sentence Starters

*Adverbial phrases can also be referred to as 'fronted adverbials'. **Fronted adverbial** phrases **are** useful in descriptive writing, as they **can** easily describe where, when and how an action occurred. Basically, **fronted adverbials are** phrases or words at the start of a **sentence** which **are** used to describe the action that follows.*

*Write these sentences below into your books. Remember a comma is always immediately after a fronted adverbial. Underline the adverbial phrase and the comma to identify this as the sentence opener in the appropriate colours to clarify the use of 'SPACE (as seen on video). By colour coding, this may help you.*

*Ing word*

*Simile*

*Preposition*

*Adverb*

*Conjunction*

*Ed word*

*When?*

Before the family ate breakfast, they stood before the shrine.

Like the vanishing river, Sabryna's work dried up.

After breakfast, Sabryna filled her pocket with salt for a day's luck.

Alongside this, the children were taught about alchemy, lessons involved mixing simple formulas and drawing diagrams of alchemical contraptions.

It was a long walk from their cottage, high on the hillside, to the schoolhouse in the valley be-low.

In the village square, the Blacksmith's iron hissed as he plunged hot metal into a liquid that turned the outside bright gold.

Like river rapids, the River Spirit's long, flowing, wavy hair blew in the gentle breeze.

As Sabryna turned to thank her, Mrs Strongarm caught her elbow.

The village sat at the bottom of the valley, with the river running around it.

Upstream, mountains rose from the morning mist.

Downstream, the Strongarms' farm occupied the undulating slopes beyond the village.

Slowly, Dia, the River Spirit, emerged through the fissure in the mountains, revealing herself.

When she reached the meandering river, Sabryna saw that what the farm workers said was true: the water was lower than she had ever seen it.

Like wet stones, her eyes glimmered.

In the morning, Pa hobbled to Mrs Strongarm's home and asked her to watch the little ones.

Sabryna had visited the next village before, on market days, but there was no market day today.

Looking out, Sabryna saw showmen and vendors, fisherfolk and factory owners.

That night, they stayed in a small room at a shabby inn.

### Extension

Have a go at writing some of your own either linked to the story or using an everyday experience!