

Fronted Adverbials

Part A

Adverbials tell you when, where or how something happened. When they are used at the start of sentences, they are called fronted adverbials. Examples of fronted adverbials include **all of a sudden** and **in the meantime**. Connecting words such as **however** are also fronted adverbials when they are at the start of a sentence. Highlight or underline examples of fronted adverbials from the story. The first one has been done for you.

A long time ago, there was a king named Numitor who ruled an ancient city in Italy called Alba Longa. Numitor had a younger brother named Amulius who one day overthrew Numitor and took over Alba Longa. However, Amulius did not want any conflict so he killed Numitor's male heirs and forced his daughter to become a Vestal Virgin. However, Rhea Silvia fell in love with Mars, the God of War, and they had twin sons. The punishment for breaking vows was usually death but Amulius feared the wrath of Mars. Instead, King Amulius imprisoned Rhea Silvia and ordered the twins to be put in the River Tigris by a servant.

When the servant reached the river bank with the twins, he could not throw them in. Instead, he placed their basket in the river.

Eventually, a compassionate she-wolf came across the basket in the river and pulled the babies to safety.

Soon, the twins were found by a caring shepherd. He took the twins back home.

Write down examples of other fronted adverbials.

Fronted Adverbials

Part B

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Write new fronted adverbials into the sentences below, remembering to use correct punctuation. The first one has been done for you.

A long time ago Many years ago, there was a king named Numitor who ruled an ancient city in Italy called Alba Longa. Numitor had a younger brother named Amulius who one day overthrew Numitor and took over Alba Longa. **However** _____ Amulius did not want any conflict so he killed Numitor's male heirs and forced his daughter to become a Vestal Virgin. **However** _____ Rhea Silvia fell in love with Mars, the God of War, and they had twin sons. The punishment for breaking vows was usually death but Amulius feared the wrath of Mars. **Instead** _____ King Amulius imprisoned Rhea Silvia and ordered the twins to be put in the River Tigris by a servant.

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_____ he could not throw them in. **Instead** _____ he placed their basket in the river.

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Challenge Task

Can you think of other adverbials that could be used in a similar way to **therefore**?

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Example answers could include:

After a long time, as quick as a flash, yesterday, next week.

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Examples answers given below. All fronted adverbials must be followed by a comma.

A long time ago Many years ago, there was a king named Numitor who ruled an ancient city in Italy called Alba Longa. Numitor had a younger brother named Amulius who one day overthrew Numitor and took over Alba Longa. However **Nevertheless**, Amulius did not want any conflict so he killed Numitor's male heirs and forced his daughter to become a Vestal Virgin. However **Despite this**, Rhea Silvia fell in love with Mars, the God of War, and they had twin sons. The punishment for breaking vows was usually death but Amulius feared the wrath of Mars. Instead **Alternatively**, King Amulius imprisoned Rhea Silvia and ordered the twins to be put in the River Tigris by a servant.

~~When the servant reached the river bank with the twins~~

When the servant looked at the innocent faces of the babies, _____ he could not throw them in. Instead **Therefore**, _____ he placed their basket in the river.

Eventually **After a while**, _____ a compassionate she-wolf came across the basket in the river and pulled the babies to safety.

Soon **Finally**, _____ the twins were found by a caring shepherd. He took the twins back home.

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