

Use adverbs to begin a sentence: Read the slide below which reminds you about adverbs:



We can use an adverb in the middle of a sentence (e.g. *The dog barked angrily at the intruder...*) but we can also use it at the beginning of a sentence. When we use an adverb at the beginning of a sentence, it is called a 'fronted adverbial'. The special rule you have to remember about starting a sentence with an adverb is that you **must** draw a comma after the adverb. Otherwise it is not correctly punctuated.

e.g. *Greedily, I tucked into the enormous slice of chocolate cake.*

Activity:

1. Read Chapter 3 ('Rescue') or ask someone to read it aloud to you:

Rescue

Finally, after much squawking and flapping of wings Mister P managed to get Egg's attention. Luckily, Mister P had quite a large vocabulary for a parrot and Egg understood that his help was needed. Quickly, he jumped into the spare rowing boat and set off for the shore. While he was rowing, Mister P flew above squawking his instructions. As soon as he reached the shore, the parrot flew ahead showing him the way to the cave. At last, they reached the cave to find the pirates in a terrible state. Every time they tried to move, they were nibbled by the rats. Before Egg could untie them, he had to chase the rats away. Carefully, he cut the ropes making sure not to hurt the pirates. Eventually, much to their relief, all the pirates were cut loose. When they were outside, there was much backslapping and both Egg and Mister P were praised for their quick thinking and bravery.

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2. Complete the sheet below, writing the corrected sentences out into your book. Make sure that you think carefully about whether the adverb you have chosen fits best into the sentence. I would recommend reading all of the sentences first, then work out where the more obvious adverbs go and leave the more tricky ones to last. Only then, would I write out the full sentences.

Green Pirates

Name: _____

I can use adverbs to begin a sentence.



Match the adverbs from the pieces of wood to the sentences below.

- Luckily,
- suddenly,
- Eagerly,
- Finally,
- Quickly,
- Carefully,
- Eventually,

- 1 Mister P appeared on the deck.
- 2 Egg realised that his help was needed.
- 3 there was a spare boat to row to shore.
- 4 Mister P flew ahead.
- 5 Egg hurried to the cave.
- 6 he cut all the ropes.
- 7 all the pirates were free.

Now complete these sentences using the adverbs provided.

- 8 Fearlessly,
- 9 Crazyily,

SPOILER ALERT!

ANSWERS ON THE NEXT PAGE (FOR AN ADULT TO USE TO MARK YOUR WORK)

Rescue – *Adverbs to begin a sentence*

Answers to pages 89 – 92

Suddenly, Mister P appeared on the deck.

Eventually, Egg realised that his help was needed.

Luckily, there was a spare boat to row to shore.

Eagerly, Mister P flew ahead.

Quickly, Egg hurried to the cave.

Carefully, he cut all the ropes.

Finally, all the pirates were free.