

Learning Objective

We are learning how to write sentences about brown bears that begin with a fronted adverbial.

Challenge 1

Using link lines, match each fronted adverbial to the correct main clause.

As the salmon swam upstream to release their eggs,	the ravenous bear, with its excellent sense of smell, detected the honey.
When it is in hibernation,	the bear dug its den deep into the hillside.
During the months of autumn,	her blind and hairless cubs were born.
From nearly a mile away,	the brown bear's heart rate slows down to ten beats per minute.
Remarkably, while the mother was sleeping,	brown bears roam great distances in search of food.
As winter approached,	the brown bears gathered on the riverbank.

Challenge 2

See if you can extend the following sentences by adding your own fronted adverbial that tells the reader either *how*, *when*, *where* or *how often* the action is taking place.

- 1) _____, she dug her den under the trunk of a fallen tree.
- 2) _____, the ten-foot-tall male towered over the much smaller female.
- 3) _____, the hungry bears rummaged through the refuse bins.
- 4) _____, the bear dug up the roots using its super strong shoulder muscles.
- 5) _____, the majestic bear died from the gunshot wound.

Challenge 3

Take one of the sentences you have written today and improve it in the following ways:

- 1) Add one or more expanded noun phrases. e.g. In the depths of the **snow-covered** forest, the **majestic** bear died from the **penetrating** gunshot wound.
- 2) Add a relative clause or a parenthesis. e.g. In the depths of the **snow-covered** forest, the **majestic** bear, **which had just emerged from hibernation**, died from the **penetrating** gunshot wound.
- 3) Write a second awesome sentence that follows on from the first. e.g. In the depths of the **snow-covered** forest, the **majestic** bear, **which had just emerged from hibernation**, died from the **penetrating** gunshot wound. **Her cubs, who had been hiding in a nearby tree, now faced a very uncertain future.**

(Repeat this slow write activity with a different starting sentence.)