# Fronted adverbials 2a

**Read the sentence below:**

**The lighthouse protected the coastline every night whilst the rocks and shore were concealed by darkness.**

What is it telling us? What information does it provide?

**Circle the verbs**.

Now, read the next sentence:

**Every night whilst the rocks and shore were concealed by darkness, the lighthouse protected the coastline.**

How has it changed? Does it still give the same information? How is that information arranged?

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**The adverbial usually gives us extra detail about how, where or when the verb happened: Can you find them in these sentences?**

1. Just yards away, the villagers gathered to enjoy the weekend entertainment.
2. Speckled across the coastline, lights twinkled from the windows of homes.
3. Before the ship collided, it swerved the jagged rocks.

In the sentences above, can you identify the adverbial? Does each tell us how, when or where?

Look at the next sentence. Have a go at rearranging and rewriting the sentence so that it begins with a fronted adverbial:

**The weathered lighthouse loomed beneath the starry sky standing tall and defiant.**

Your turn: Watch the video again <https://youtu.be/6HfBbSUORvo>

Can you create an opening sentence or paragraph to describe the setting of the lighthouse. As we have looked at fronted adverbials, can you make sure you include an example.

Type, write out or use Purple Mash. 😊