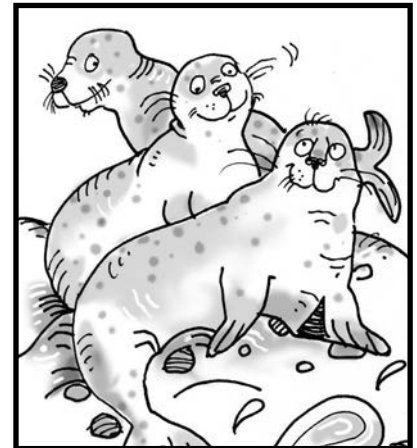


Seals Attacked!

Roland Ragu has reportedly seen the shark attacking seals near Seal Island. Seal Island is not far from Twycombe Bay. Can you improve his report by adding fronted adverbials to his sentences? The first has been done for you.

Fronted adverbials are words or phrases which come at the front of a sentence. They help to describe the action that follows. They can tell you more about where or when things have happened. There should always be a comma after the **fronted adverbial**. **Fronted adverbials** do not make sense on their own!

Early this morning, I left the harbour in my small boat. _____
 _____, there was a good breeze.
 My plan was to sail around the bay to Midnight Rock.
 _____, I picked up Sally Barnes from the Lighthouse. _____, she's a fabulous photographer. We made our way around Shingle Sands and out towards Seal Island. _____, I've had my boat for twenty years! Sally was hoping to get some good pictures of the seals and cormorants. _____, we arrived near Seal Island. _____, we could see the seals playing. _____, Sally took a few photos. _____, we saw a huge fin rise out of the water! _____, I turned the boat towards the island. _____, the seals were really panicked! The waves boiled and foamed. _____, the shark burst out of the water. _____, it began chasing all the seals in the water! Sally and I watched in shock! _____, the shark grabbed one of the seals! _____, the seal was tossed into the air. We thought it was going to die! _____, the seal swam away back to the island. _____, the shark just vanished. _____, we waited for it to return. _____, the seals appeared to be nervous and jittery. _____, we made our way to Midnight Rock. _____, it was hard to believe what we had seen. _____, we reported everything to the coastguard who didn't believe us! Then we showed him Sally's photos.



Fronted adverbials to help you.

- Sadly,
- Today,
- Yesterday,
- Afterwards,
- Occasionally,
- Every second,
- Before we knew it,
- To our surprise,
- Quite accidentally,
- Quick as a flash,
- Unfortunately,
- North of the Island,
- Under the waves,
- Up in the sky,
- As soon as we could,
- Wherever we looked,
- As fast as possible,
- Before noon,
- As the sun sank,

Imagine that you are the seal who was grabbed by the shark. Using fronted adverbials of your own, write a description of what happened and how you felt.

Challenge

Imagine that you are a reporter on the Daily Wash. Write a report on this recent attack by the shark on the seal colony. You can be imaginative and add additional details of your own. Don't forget to use fronted adverbials, paragraphs, headings and subheadings for your report. You will also need to get some good eyewitness quotes – use Roland and Sally's report to help you and add details of your own.