Commas After Fronted Adverbials

Adverbials are words or phrases that add extra information to a sentence. They tell us how, where, when or why something happens. When an adverbial goes at the start of a sentence, it is known as a fronted adverbial and it must be followed by a comma e.g. Before dinner, I went for a bike ride.

1) Tick the sentences that correctly use a comma after a fronted adverbial.

At the end of the day, the winners of the golf competition were announced.

Walking, through the forest the children became very muddy.

After a long flight the plane, landed in Australia.

Courageously, the knight defended the castle.

2) Underline the fronted adverbial and then insert a comma after it. The first one has been done for you.

<u>Slowly</u>, the lorry accelerated along the motorway.

Every summer I visit my grandparents at their home in the Shetland Islands.

Shortly after midday the mountaineers reached the summit.

Before taking part in the race Nasima did some warm up stretches.

Very carefully the chef sharpened his knives.

In the distance the hills are covered in snow.

Every time he told a joke the audience laughed loudly.

3) Add a suitable fronted adverbial and comma to each of the sentences below.

_____I went shopping for new trainers.

_____ the main road was closed for several hours.

_____ the young lambs skipped around the field.

_____ Jess devoured her burger and chips.

_____ the baby elephant struggled to its feet.



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