

# Grammar Garden with Max and Zara

*Learning objective: To identify and use fronted adverbials to express time, place, and manner.*

Read the story about Max and Zara's day in the garden. Underline the fronted adverbials you find. Then, use the space provided to draw a scene from the story and label your own fronted adverbial.

During the sunny afternoon, Max the monkey and Zara the zebra decided to plant a vegetable patch. Carefully, Zara dug small holes in the soil. Near the old oak tree, Max sorted the seeds into piles. After a while, they felt quite tired but very happy. Without warning, a gentle breeze rustled the leaves above them.

*Word bank: Carefully · In the distance · After a while · Without warning · Near the old oak tree · During the sunny afternoon*

**1. Identify the fronted adverbial used in the first sentence of the passage. (1 mark)**

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**2. Why is there a comma after the fronted adverbial 'Carefully' in the second sentence? (2 marks)**

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**3. Write your own sentence using a fronted adverbial that describes a place. (2 marks)**

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**4. Which fronted adverbial in the passage tells us when the event happened? (1 mark)**

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**5. Change the fronted adverbial 'Without warning' to a different adverbial that suggests a quiet moment. Rewrite the sentence. (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw a picture of Max and Zara working in their garden. Include a space at the bottom for you to write a caption using a fronted adverbial to describe where or how they are working.



*Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about a secret adventure in the woods. You must include at least three different fronted adverbials: one for time, one for place, and one for manner.*