Fronted Adverbials: Comma Power!

Move it to the front, add the comma!



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Today we will...

WE ARE LEARNING TO

- Learn what a fronted adverbial is
- Use a comma after a fronted adverbial

SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

✓ I can find the opener at the start

✓ I can add a comma after it

✓ I can pause when I read it





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What is a fronted adverbial?

1. An adverbial tells when, where or how.
2. Fronted means moved to the front.
3. Put a comma right after it.

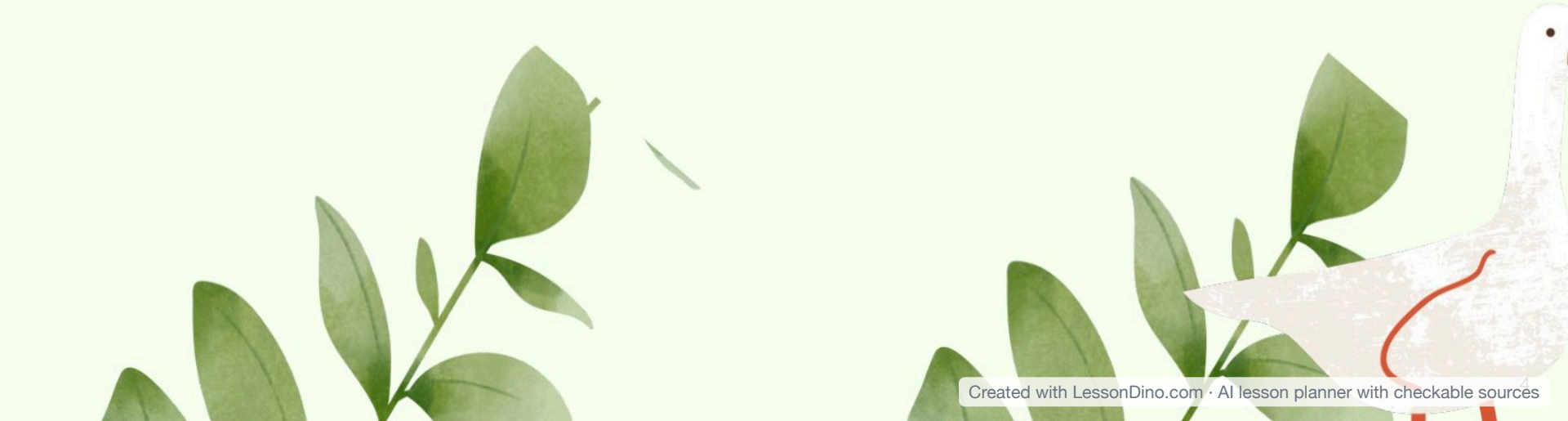


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DID YOU KNOW?

The same words can live at the back or front.

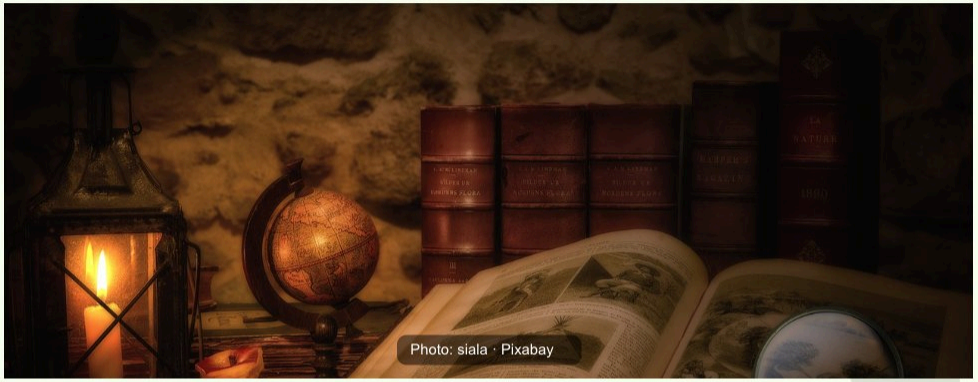
At the back we need no comma, but at the front we do.



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What could this be?

This tiny tail lights up the start of a sentence. What is it?



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Watch: Where Does the Comma Go?



▶ 0:00 – 4:47

- Watch where the finger pauses.
- Listen for when, where or how.

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Three jobs for openers

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When?

In the morning, we tidied the classroom.

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Where?

Under the table, the ball rolled away.

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How?

Slowly, the door opened wide.



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Watch Again: Year 3 Openers



▶ 0:00 – 4:03

- Spot the opener at the start.
- Shout comma when you see it!

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Your task

Fix these by adding the missing comma: In the hall we sang. Quickly she shut the door. At playtime we shared fruit.

1. Write each sentence on your own.
2. Add a comma after the opener.
3. Read to your partner with a pause.

10 min

In pairs





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Can you see the difference?

No comma - hard to read

- In the hall we lined up.
- Quickly we finished our work.

Comma - clear to read

- In the hall, we lined up.
- Quickly, we finished our work.



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Which opener do you like best?

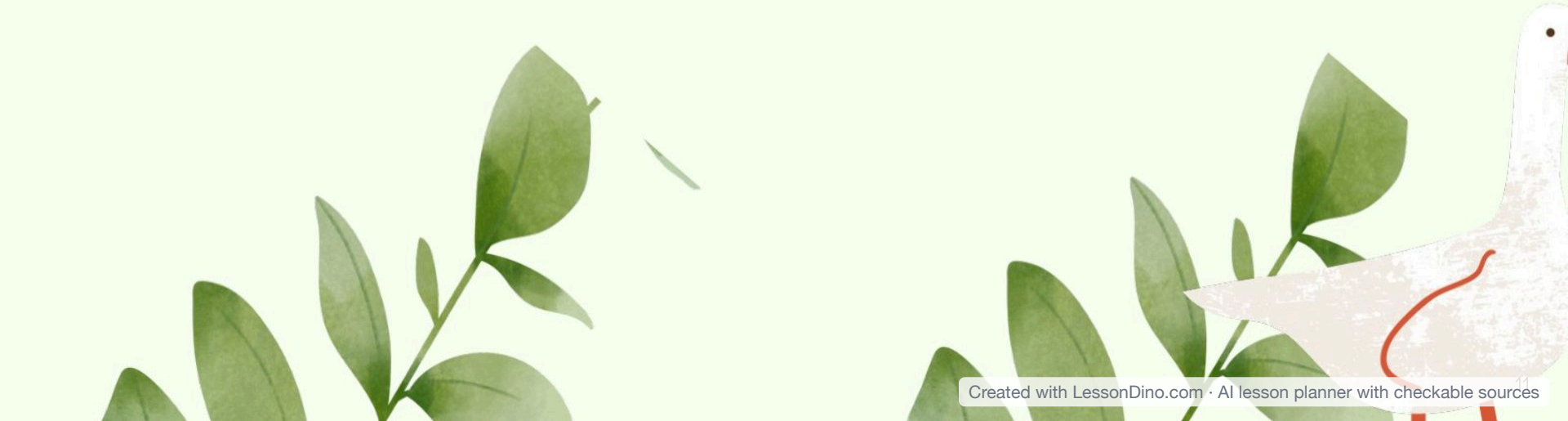
Which sentence start makes you want to read on?

A After lunch, we played outside.

B Behind the shed, we found a ball.

C Carefully, we carried the tray.

Vote with your hands, then explain why.



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Exit ticket

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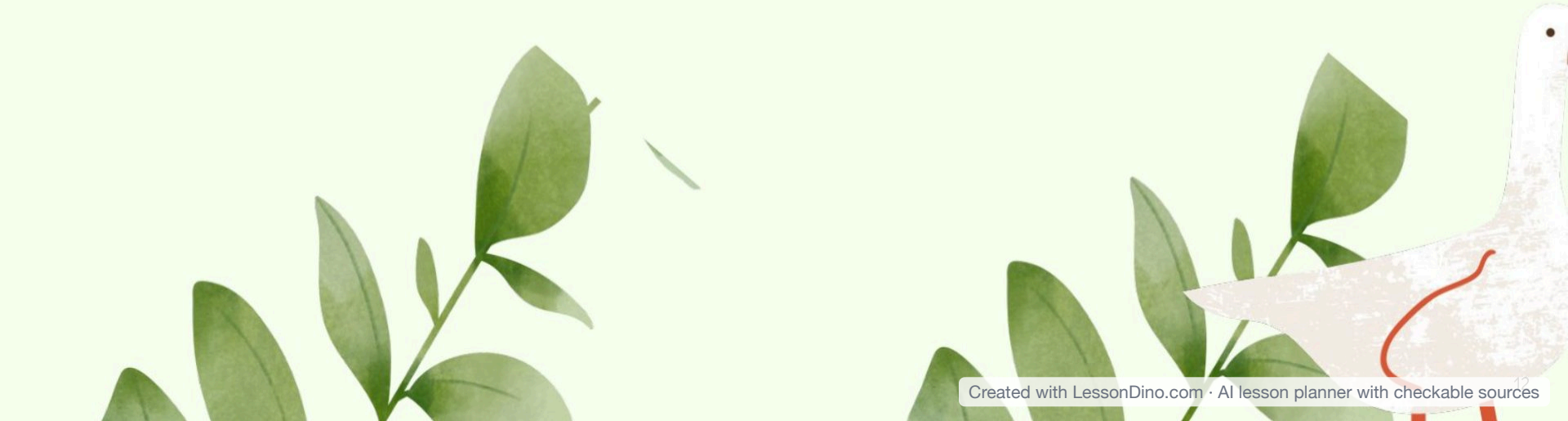
One thing I learnt today...

2

Write one fronted adverbial with a comma...

3

One question I still have...



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