**Analysing Fronted Adverbials**

**Task 1:** Read through the story carefully

**Task 2:** Underline any fronted adverbials that you see

**Task 3:** answer the questions below

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| Explain how the this fronted adverbial adds detail to the sentence: **A long time ago**, there lived a knight called Edward. |
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| Explain how the this fronted adverbial adds detail to the sentence: “**Upon climbing over a rock to enter it**, he found inside an impressive castle.” |
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| Choose your favourite sentence from the text that has a fronted adverbial. Sketch the image it creates in your mind below. Label the detail given by the fronted adverbial. |
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**Edward and the Dragon**

A long time ago, there lived a knight called Edward. Edward was the youngest knight in the kingdom.   
One day, while riding through the mountains, he came across what seemed like a small cave. But what was inside certainly shocked him! Upon climbing over a rock to enter it, he found inside an impressive castle. On nearing the castle, Edward heard the sound of voices. Without hesitating, he climbed over the castle walls, and followed the voices.

"Anybody here?" he asked.  
"Help! Help us!" came the response from inside, "we've been locked in here for years, serving the castle dragon."  
"Dragon?" thought Edward, just before an enormous flying flame almost burnt him alive. Spinning silently around, Edward, addressed the terrible dragon face to face. He said: "It's all right, Dragon. I forgive you for what you just did. You probably didn't know it was me."

Obviously, the dragon was very surprised at words like these. He never expected anyone to stand up to him, and certainly not in such a brazen manner.

"Prepare to fight, dwarf! I don't give a fig who you are!" roared the dragon.  
"Wait a moment. Well, it's clear that you don't know who I am. I am the guardian of the Great Crystal Sword!" continued Edward, who - before fighting - was capable of making all sorts of things up. "You well know that the sword has killed dozens of ogres and dragons, and that if I unsheathe it, it will fly straight into your neck and kill you."

The dragon had never heard of such a sword, but this frightened him. He certainly didn't like the sound of something cutting his throat. Seeing the dragon’s fear, Edward carried on talking.

"In any case, I want to give you a chance to fight me. Let's travel to the other side of the world. Over there there's a snow-covered mountain, and at the summit there's a great tower. At the top of the tower there's a golden cage where a wizard made this sword. There the sword loses all its power. I'll be there, but will only wait for you for five days."

On saying that, Edward raised a cloud of dust and disappeared. The dragon thought Edward had performed some kind of magic, but he had only hidden in some bushes. Wanting to fight with that impudent knight, the dragon quickly flew out of the cave, towards the other side of the world, in a journey which lasted more than a month.

When Edward was sure the dragon was far away, he came out of his hiding place. Entering the castle, he set free all of the prisoners inside. Some had been missing for many years, and when they returned home everyone praised Edward's great intelligence.

And what about the dragon? Well, can you believe that on the other side of the world there was really a snowy mountain with a big tower on top, and a gold cage on top of that?

Well yes, the dragon squeezed into the cage. Little did he know that it was booby-trapped, and shut him in as soon as he entered! Until this day, there he remains, hoping that someone intelligent will one day come and rescue him...