

# Fronted Adverbials

Grammar

## Reminder

A phrase that tells you more about how or when a action is completed, is called an adverbial phrase, e.g. Yao saw his grandfather dot the eyes of the dragon *a number of years ago*. This phrase is called a fronted adverbial when it is placed at the beginning of the sentence, before (or in front of) the verb, e.g. *A number of years ago*, Yao saw his grandfather dot the eyes of the dragon.

**1) Choose an adverbial phrase from the box to complete the sentences below.**

On the eve of the Lunar New Year	*	In the foyer of the shopping centre
Looking at the moon	*	Seated on Shen Long, the dragon

	Yao thought over the events of that day.
	Yao chased away the bad luck.
	Shen Long and his rider entertained the audience.
	Yao unwrapped the dragon from his plastic covering.

**2) Can you complete the following sentences with an adverbial phrase at the beginning?**

- \_\_\_\_\_, Shen Long praised Yao.
- \_\_\_\_\_, the cymbals boomed.
- \_\_\_\_\_, there was a war between good luck and bad luck.
- \_\_\_\_\_, Yao felt like he was a proper dragon dancer.

