





Literacy- Session 1

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Skills Lesson- This activity will teach you a new skill to support you when you write your own information text about trolls.



Fronted adverbials

- These are words or phrases that go at the start of a sentence to describe the action that follows it. They usually tell the reader where, when or how something is happening.

As soon as she could, Lily ran out to play.

Occasionally, Mum would let me buy some sweets from the shop.

As fast as he could, James ran home from school.

Completely exhausted, Amelia clambered out of the pool.

Now watch this video to see some more examples:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/zp937p3>

Examples of fronted adverbials

- Afterwards, Often, Over there, Badly, Nearly asleep,
- Yesterday, Again, Outside, Happily, Maybe,
- All of a sudden, Sometimes, Far away, Suddenly, Obviously angry

Examples from Trolls text

- Re read the trolls text (on the next slide)
- We are going to find examples of fronted adverbials in the text. I have found two, can you find anymore?
- Interestingly, a few trolls do not have any horns at all.
- Amazingly, trolls like to have fun.

The Truth about Trolls

Many people believe trolls are angry, **mean** beasts that **terrify** goats and people. However, this is not true. Here is the truth about trolls.

What do trolls look like?

Like the **ogre**, trolls are huge. They look **fierce** and ugly but to another troll they are kind and beautiful. The adult troll has small, beady eyes, a **bulbous**, **warty** nose and sharp, yellow teeth. Most trolls have long, curly horns on their heads similar to a goat. Interestingly, a few trolls do not have any horns at all. No one knows why.

Where do trolls live?

Trolls are usually found in very cold countries like Iceland. They make their homes in caves near volcanoes which provide both warmth and **shelter**. They live **peacefully** in small family groups, hidden away from people. One troll, who was very grumpy, lived alone under a wooden bridge. Because he **bullied** the local goats, he gave all trolls a very bad name.



What do trolls eat?

Trolls enjoy eating all types of seafood. Trolls fish in total darkness so that they are not seen by anyone. They mostly eat their food **raw**. Sometimes, when the volcanoes have erupted, they cook their food on the hot rocks. In addition, they **gather** large mushrooms and dig up juicy roots that grow in the forest. Surprisingly, goats are not on the menu!

Did you know?

Amazingly, trolls like to have fun. They love singing and dancing. When they sing, it sounds like a rumble of thunder. When they dance, it feels like an earthquake. Sadly, because of the troll that upset the goats, all trolls now hide away from view.

They can still be seen, though, if you look really hard and believe. The rocks here are actually just sleeping trolls!



Professor Folklore
'Friend of the Troll'

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Create your own sentences below about your own troll. You can magpie any ideas from the text but think about describing your troll now.



Engaging Adverbs Game

Adverbs can be used at the start of a sentence to make the information engage the reader. In 'The Truth about Trolls', Professor Folklore has used *Interestingly, Surprisingly and Amazingly* to start some of his sentences:

Interestingly, a few trolls do not have any horns at all.

Surprisingly, goats are not on the menu!

Amazingly, trolls like to have lots of fun.

Try and think of something interesting, something surprising and something amazing about your trolls and use adverbs based on these emotions to introduce this information when you write your own engaging sentences.



Remember to use a *comma* after the adverb at the start of the sentence.

Interestingly,

Surprisingly,

Amazingly,
