

Task 1 : Read the passage and complete the questions

As the plane fell through the thick cloud, Arthur tried to free his leg. He had made sure the others were all out before he jumped, but now his foot was tangled in a rope. If he did not free himself soon, it would be too late...

The mission had been going so well just five minutes before. The flight had been perfect until one of the other pilots had spotted some enemy planes and a battle had begun. Despite Arthur twisting all over the sky, his plane had been chased down and hit.

As the plane left the cloud, Arthur made a final effort. He pulled at the rope. He tore his foot free and threw himself out of the burning plane. Where would he land? He had lost all sense of direction as the battle raged. Would he see the crew again? Was his war over?

1. Find and copy a fronted adverbial from the text.
2. Which adverbial in paragraph one describes when Arthur had made sure the others were all out of the plane?
3. Choose the most appropriate adverbial to complete the sentence below:
He pulled at the rope _____.

under the sea

with all his strength

4. Write out an adverbial from paragraph three which provides a link to information given in paragraph one.

Task 2 : Read the passage and complete the questions

A small pool was forming as rain trickled into the cave mouth. Thunder boomed and lightning flashed across the night sky. Tor ignored it. He was too busy starting a fire to worry about what had made the gods angry.

At the bottom of the hill, a sound filled the air. It made Tor feel icy with fear. First one howl, then another and another. Wolves! Tor tried again to make fire, feeling more desperate than ever before. He only needed one good spark...

A few moments later, the first wolves crept out of the trees. Guided by Tor's scent, they stepped softly up the slope towards Tor's hiding place. They knew he was trapped. The humans they had run into before were always in groups, and they had brought out terrible flames which blinded and burned the pack. This man was alone. Encouraged by this fact, the wolves got ready to attack...

1. The sentence below starts with an adverbial. Rewrite the sentence so that the adverbial is in a different position.
A few moments later, the first wolves crept out of the trees.
2. Explain what the fronted adverbial in the first sentence of the second paragraph tells you about the change in place from paragraph one to paragraph two.
3. Amelia wants to add an adverbial to sentence three of paragraph three.
Her options are:
1. as they drew nearer
2. after they had left him alone

Which adverbial would be best? Explain your answer.

ANSWERS

Task 1

- 1 'As the plane left the cloud,...' 'As the plane fell through the thick cloud ...'
2. '...before he jumped.'
3. with all his strength
4. 'As the plane left the cloud,...'

Task 2

1. Various possible answers; for example: The first wolves crept out of the trees a few moments later.
2. It shows that the location has changed between the end of one paragraph and the beginning of the next.
3. Adverbial 1 because it describes the movement of the wolves. Adverbial 2 describes a situation where he would no longer be trapped.