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Position of adverbs exercises with answers pdf

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Match the sentence beginnings and endings. Rewrite the ending with the adverb of place at the front and, if necessary, change the order of subject and verb.

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- 5 Fireworks were going off around the house, but...
- 6 Her cheeks were badly bruised and...
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Example: 1 + Co) Everyone suddenly went **quiet** and into **the** room walked Paul.

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2 + g on the way back home they told stories, (no subject-verb inversion: transitive verb)

3 + d outside John sat patiently. (nosubject-verb inversion: intransitiveverb+adverb of manner)

4 + a in front of them lay the clear blue ocean. (subject-verb inversion)

5 + f in the bedroom Miriam slept soundly, (no subject-verb inversion: other intransitive verb)

6 + h around her head was a blood-stained bandage. (subject-verb inversion)

7 + b in the middle stands a statue of Queen Victoria. (subject-verb inversion)

8 + e in Manchester the Dallas Symphony Orchestra will be performing pieces by Beethoven, (nosubject-verb inversion: transitiveverb)