

Position and order of adverbial phrases

Remember

- **Position and order of adverbial phrases**
manner, place, time
- **Order of adjectives**
opinion, size, age, shape, colour, origin

1 Tick (✓) the correct sentence a or b.

- 1 a Life developed on land quickly in the last million years.
- b Life developed quickly on land in the last million years.
- 2 a Strange, green creatures have recently been found on the moon.
- b Green, strange creatures have recently been found on the moon.
- 3 a It's a fast, new, American aeroplane.
- b It's a new, fast, American aeroplane.
- 4 a It's a beautiful, yellow, small fish.
- b It's a beautiful, small, yellow fish.
- 5 a Dinosaurs disappeared suddenly from Earth around 65 million years ago.
- b Dinosaurs disappeared from Earth suddenly around 65 million years ago.
- 6 a Our submersible was a grey, big, round thing.
- b Our submersible was a big, round, grey thing.

2 Complete the sentences with the adjectives in brackets in the correct order.

- 1 The fish was a(n) _____, _____, _____ thing that looked like something out of a cartoon. (orange, round, enormous)
- 2 It was an extremely _____, _____, _____, _____ boat. (British, grey, old, ugly)
- 3 I had never seen such a(n) _____, _____, _____ animal. (amazing, colourful, small)
- 4 It was discovered by a(n) _____, _____, _____ explorer. (French, young, unknown)
- 5 The car was a _____, _____, _____, _____ model. (comfortable, German, new, silver)

3 Are these sentences correct (✓) or incorrect (✗)? Rewrite the incorrect sentences.

- 1 Humans appeared suddenly in Africa about two million years ago.
- _____
- 2 It's a square, huge, grey machine.
- _____
- 3 I've just seen a fantastic, tiny, blue fish.
- _____
- 4 She has a Spanish, lovely, old map.
- _____
- 5 The Earth rotates at the Equator most quickly.
- _____
- 6 It was quite a spacious, modern, French submersible.
- _____