







Sentence Starters

What do you want the readers to feel? Put the most important information first to have more impact.

DON'T FORGET PUNCTUATION IF NEEDED! COMMAS!

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|  Adverb (ly) Double ly | <i>Slowly</i> , the car spun around. <i>Carefully</i> , she made her way through the hall. <i>Joyfully and purposefully</i> , they hurried along. | Amazingly, Fascinatingly, Rapidly, Sluggishly, Cautiously, Silently, Gradually, Miserably, Desperately, Shockingly, | |
| -ing Verb (-ing) Verb, person | <i>Trembling</i> , he fled from the beast. <i>Skipping downstairs</i> , Maisy tripped on a toy. <i>Running near the beach</i> , she halted in surprise. | Verb = action word | Sighing, Smiling, Laughing, Feeling terrified, Sprinting down the path, Grinning menacingly, Sweeping across the city, Snapping its jaws, Waving his arms... |
| -ed Verb (-ed) 3ed Sentence | <i>Stunned</i> , the shark retreated. <i>Amazed by the sight</i> , the clown fell backwards. <i>Frightened, confused, exhausted</i> , the princess ran for home. | | Frightened, Exhausted, Rooted to the spot, |
|  "Where" Prepositional Phrase (place) | <i>At the bottom of the stairs</i> , he stopped. <i>Next to the slide</i> , the swings creaked. | Underneath, In a cottage, At the back of the eye, On the ground, Behind the tree, In the air | |
|  "When" Prepositional Phrase (time) | <i>Suddenly</i> , the rain started. <i>Later that evening</i> , they returned to the house. | As soon as possible, Soon, Long ago, Since, During, As quick as the wind, As slow as possible All of a sudden, | |
|  "How" Manner Emotion word, | Terrified, she froze. Desperate scared, she called for help. Not caring at all, the toddler kicked the door. | Furiously, Cautiously, Manically, Gracefully, Viciously, Bravely, Mysteriously, Unfortunately, With a furious glance, In a strange way, With hope in her heart, With fear in his eyes, Without warning, | |
|  Conjunction | <i>Because it was raining</i> , I put up my umbrella. <i>Although they were tired</i> , the birds still sang. | After Before When While Even though Until Since Unless If Once Whenever As | |
|  Simile | <i>Cool as ice</i> , the robber smashed the alarm. <i>Like a steam train</i> , he hurtled down the path. | Simile = A comparison of two things; it uses the words 'like' or 'as'. As curved as a ball, Like a wailing cat, | |

If you cover the fronted adverbial (before the comma), does the sentence still make sense?

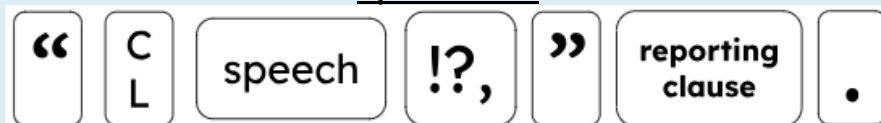
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| Personification Giving human characteristics to something non-human | Rain wept down the window. Wind screamed through the branches. |
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Speech

Remember, 'new speaker, new line'.
Remember, speech should move the plot on.

Speech First



"What was that?" she asked.
"Is it lunchtime yet?" Dan enquired, looking at the food on the table.

Speech Second



Her friend replied, "I don't know!"
Sadly, the young girl cried, "I dropped my ice cream!"

Synonyms for 'said'

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|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| asked | happy | sad | frightened | tired/ill |
| enquired | giggled | cried | gaspd | grumbled |
| questioned | chuckled | groaned | quivered | sighed |
| queried | joked | moaned | stammered | wheezed |
| requested | laughed | sobbed | shrieked | hissed |
| suggested | | wailed | cautioned | whined |
| offerd | | grieved | pleaded | whimpered |
| answered | angry | quietly | loudly | statements |
| replied | ranted | whispered | shouted | stated |
| acknowledged | roared | mumbled | screamed | announced |
| responded | snapped | murmured | exclaimed | explained |
| admitted | argued | muttered | yelped | remarked |
| responded | demanded | uttered | exclaimed | warned |
| confessed | complained | | howled | |
| agreed | threatened | | bellowed | |
| decided | scolded | | | |

Commas for a List

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| List of Adjectives | the old, derelict, ramshackle building |
| List of Nouns | I bought apples, grapes, bananas and pears. |

Sentence of 3 for Description

The cottage was almost invisible, hiding under a thick layer of snow and glistening in the sunlight.



Sentence of 3 for Action

Sam rushed down the road, jumped on the bus and sank into his seat.

Apostrophes

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| Omission | Possession | If the answer is 'No' to both then NO APOSTROPHE! |
| Does it have a missing letter? | Does something belong to it? | |
| will not - won't could not - couldn't | the horses' carrots the child's pencil | |

Doubling Consonant for suffixes

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|  | <p>hop</p> <p>I am hopping.</p> <p>Short vowel = double consonant</p> <p>swim = swim<u>mm</u>ing run = run<u>nn</u>ing</p> |  | <p>hope</p> <p>I am hoping.</p> <p>Long vowel = single consonant</p> <p>make = mak<u>e</u>ing dream = dream<u>e</u>ing</p> |
| Remember, if there is more than 1 consonant after vowel sound, no doubling consonant, e.g. brush = brush <u>ing</u> | | | |

their
there
they're

Their shows ownership: That is their toy.






































There refers to a place: The bed is over there.

They're is a contraction for 'they are': They're going to the park.

Cohesion (Focus Non-Fiction)

| Opposition | Reinforcing/ in Addition | Cause and Effect | Time | Formal Language |
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| but However, Despite this, In contrast, Although Even though In spite of this. | and Also, In addition, Additionally A further point Another reason is For example, | so because As a result, Therefore, Consequently, When | First, Then, Next, After that, Finally, before until At first To conclude In conclusion, To summarise In the beginning Up to that time | It is believed... It is thought... It is clear... As details begin to emerge... While further details remain unknown, ... |

Homophones

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|  there |  their |  no |  hole |  ate |  quite |  for |  here |  meet |  where |
|  they're |  know |  whole |  eight |  quiet |  four |  hear |  meat |  wear | |
|  to |  two |  new |  maid |  aloud |  sea |  blue |  whether |  buy |  by |
|  too |  knew |  made |  allowed |  see |  blew |  weather |  bye | | |

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm

Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

High Frequency Words and Year 3/4 Words

| a | b | c | d | e | f | g | h | i | k | l |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| about again all are ask | back beautiful because by | children come could | | every | find for friend | gave give go good | have her here house how | I into | know | like look love |
| accident accidentally actual actually address although answer appear arrive | believe bicycle breath breathe build business busy | calendar caught centre century certain circle complete consider continue | decide describe different difficult disappear | early earth eight eighth enough exercise experience experiment extreme | famous favourite February forward forwards fruit | grammar group guard guide | heard heart height history | imagine increase important interest island | knowledge | learn length library |
| m | n | o | p | | q | r | s | t | w | |
| make me most my | no now | once one only other our over | people pull push put | | | | said says school should some sure | take there they their time today | was want were what when | where which who with would |
| material medicine mention minute | natural naughty notice | occasion occasionally often opposite ordinary | particular peculiar perhaps popular position possess possession | possible potatoes pressure probably promise purpose | quarter question | recent regular reign remember | sentence separate special straight strange strength suppose surprise | therefore though thought through | weight woman women | |
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