

Fact sheet Level 1

Sentences

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There are actually lots of different ways to start a sentence. The trick is to learn how to use them all. Come back often to see if you are using all of them. It makes for more varied and interesting writing.

'ING' Clause

Seizing the knife, Lyra cut Eric free.

Jumping up, Sam lashed out his captors.

Notice the need for the , after the first clause.

Use a verb with -ed

or

an -ed clause

Amazed, he stood stock still with his mouth wide open, like a goldfish

Surprised by the bang, Jane stopped.

Use a simile

Like a fish, she dived into the water.

Like sea defences, the mast stood firm against the wind.

Like a butterfly, she floated from flower to flower.

Use an adverb

Slowly, the giant climbed up the cliff.

Carefully, he opened the lid.

Use a preposition

above - across - after - at - before - behind - below - beneath - beside -
between - by - down - for - from - inside - in - near - of - off - over - through
- to - towards - under - up - with

Above the clouds, the sun shone brightly and he could see for miles.

Behind the sofa, the children huddled for fear of the cybermen.

Use a connective

While the train stood at the station, the mice snuck under the barrier and
climbed aboard.

Meanwhile the cat ran up and down the platform trying to spot them.