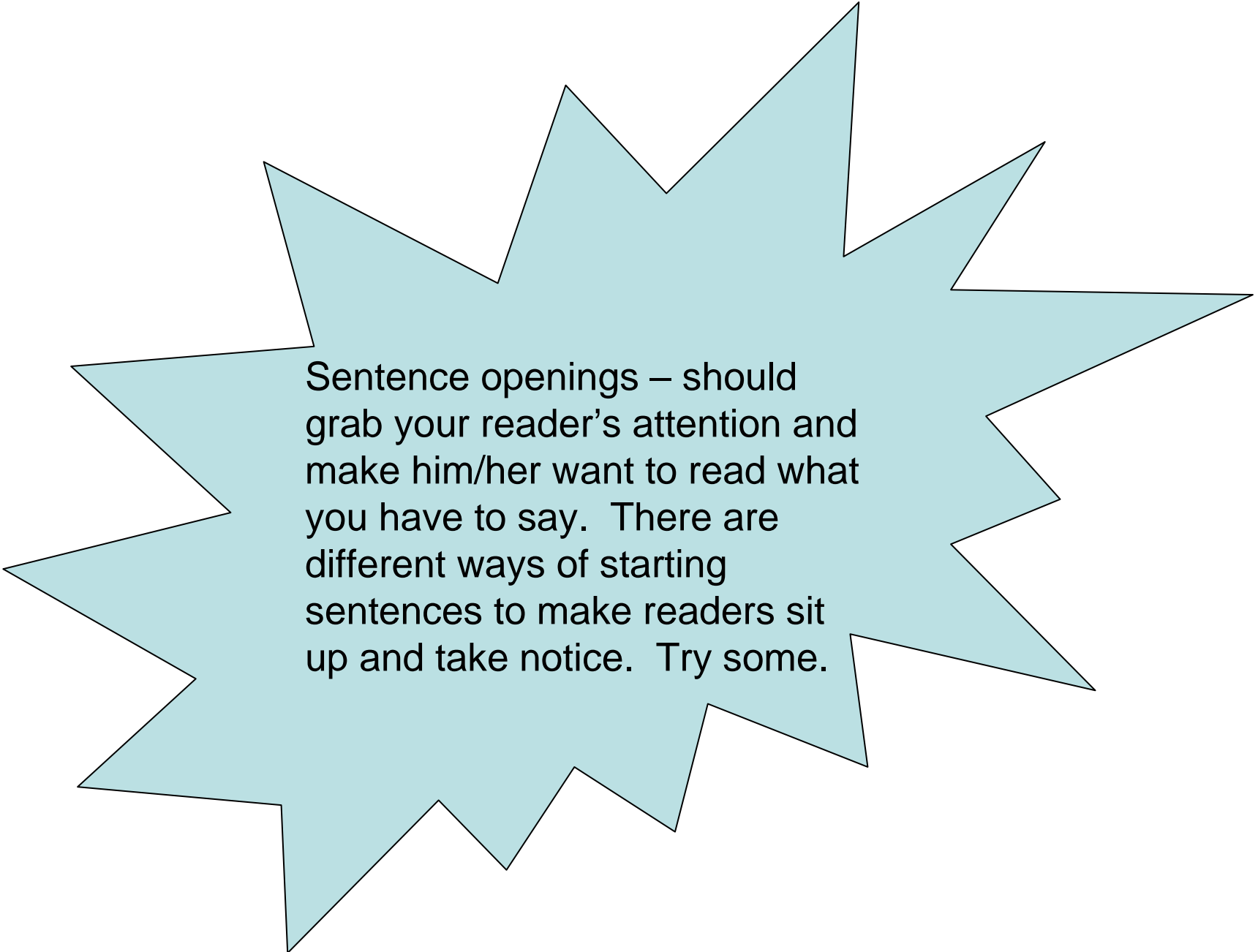


**Sentence
openings**



Sentence openings – should grab your reader’s attention and make him/her want to read what you have to say. There are different ways of starting sentences to make readers sit up and take notice. Try some.

Sentence openings

There was a storm starting.....

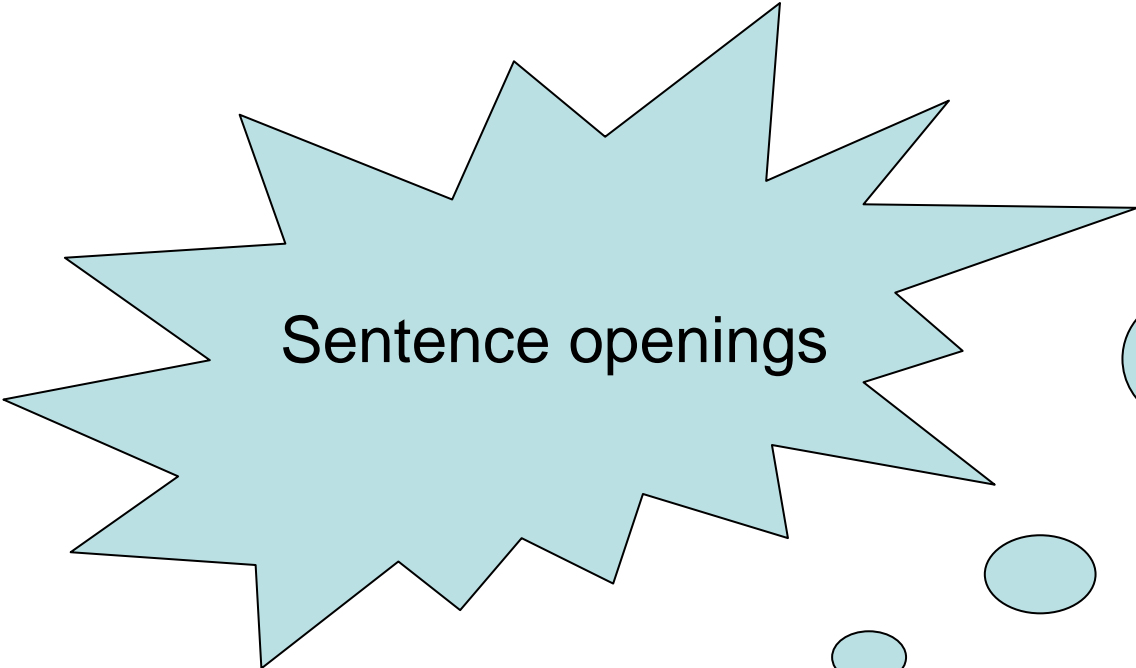
Yesterday, my friends and I went to the cinema....

I went to Spain on my holiday.....

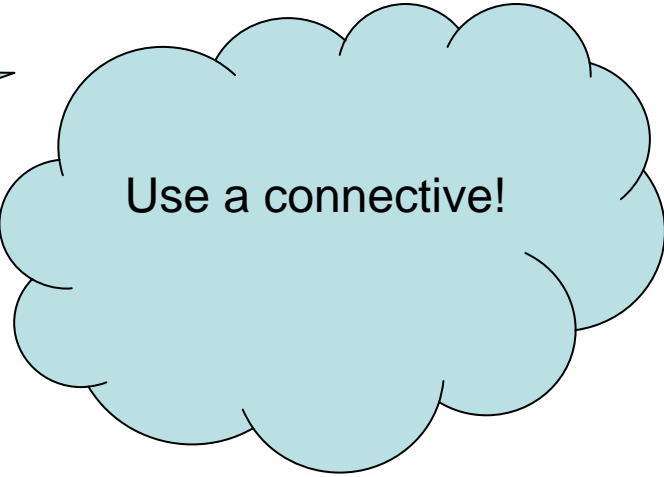
How effective are these sentences?

Do you want to read any further?

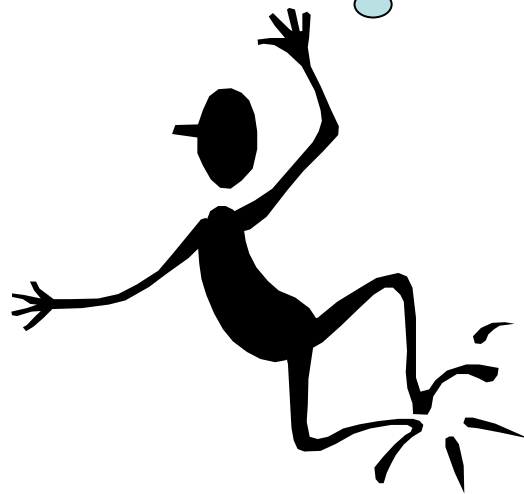




Sentence openings



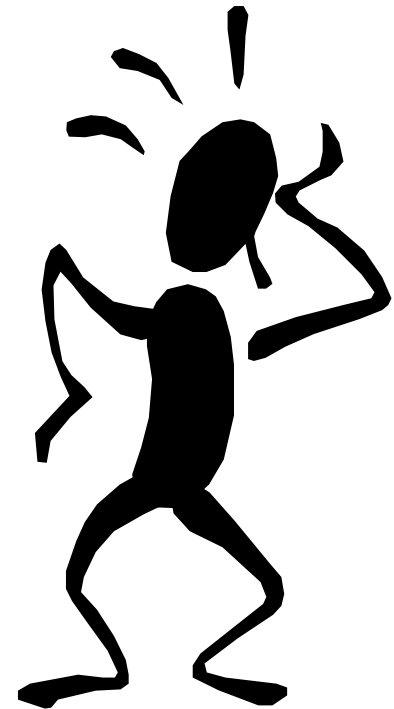
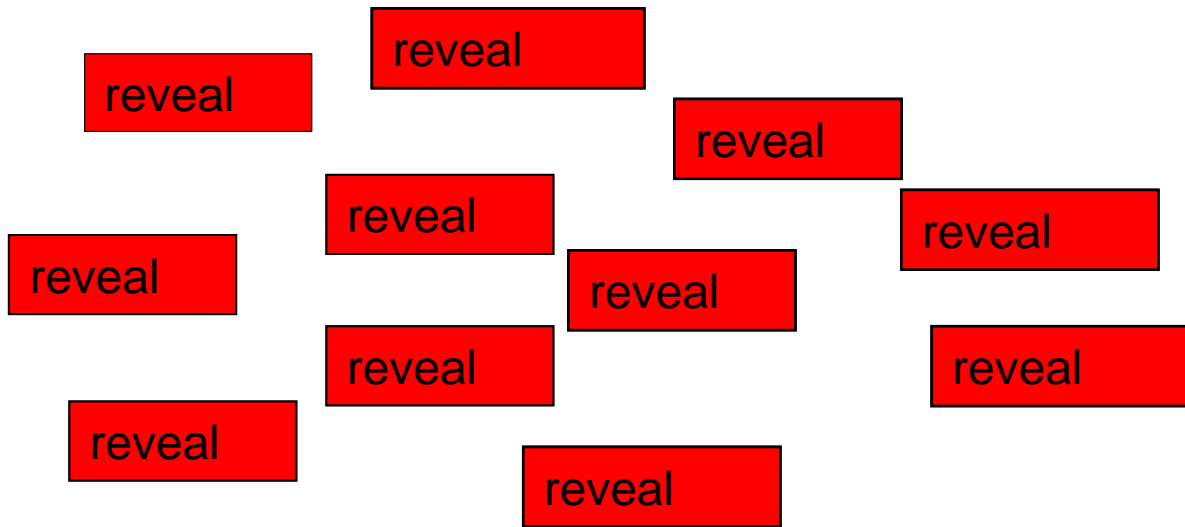
Use a connective!



During the evening, a storm blew up.

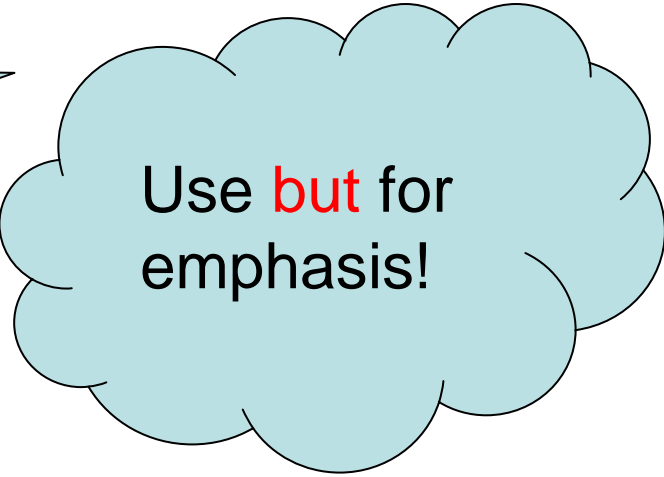
Sentence openings

What connectives do you know?





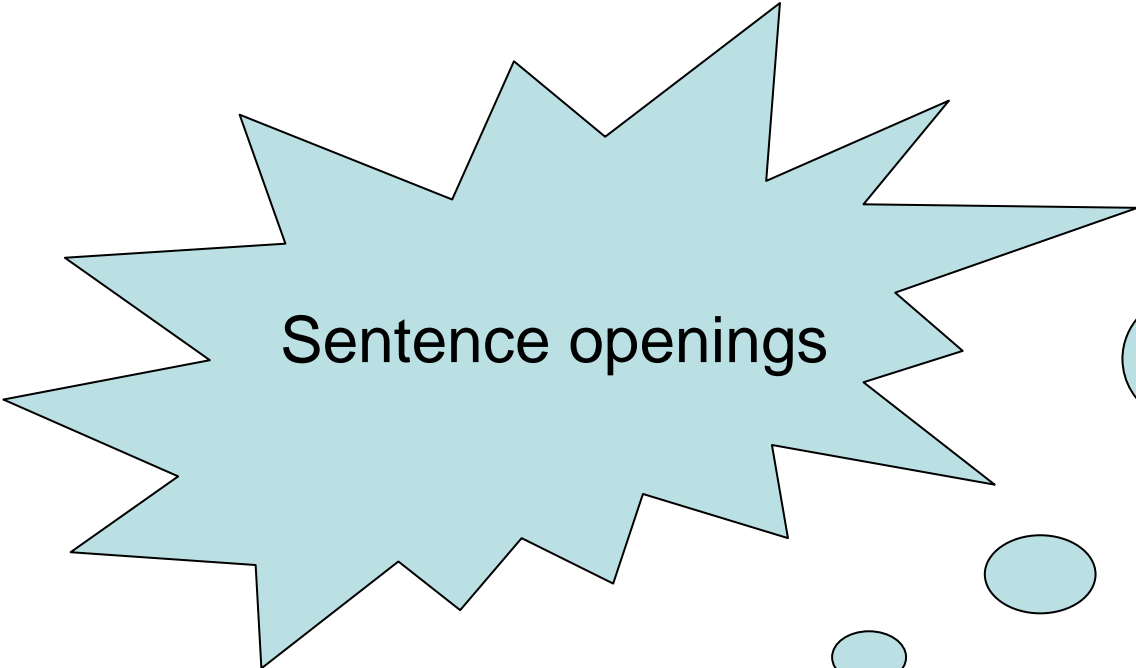
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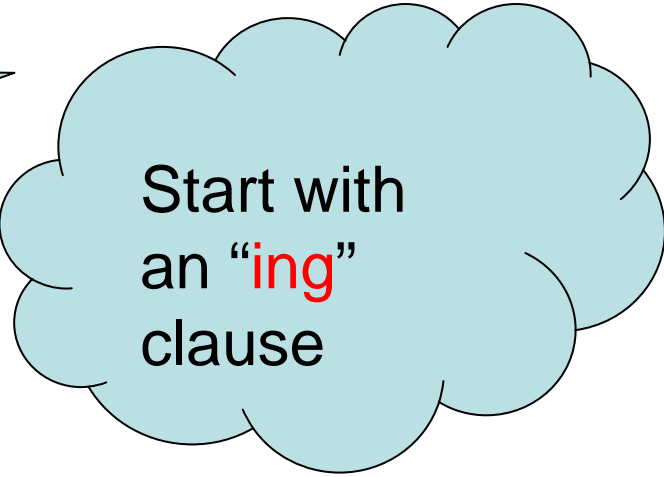
Use **but** for
emphasis!



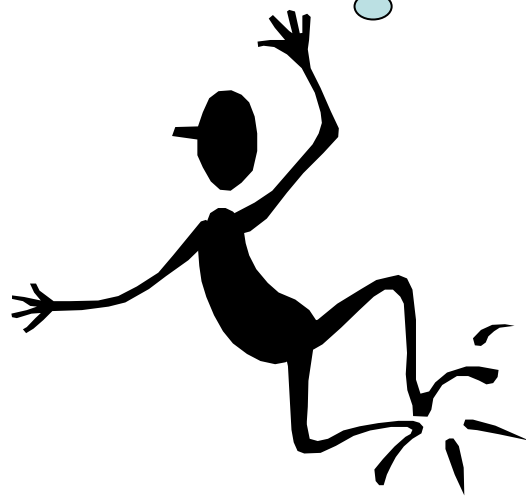
But the door
was now
closed!



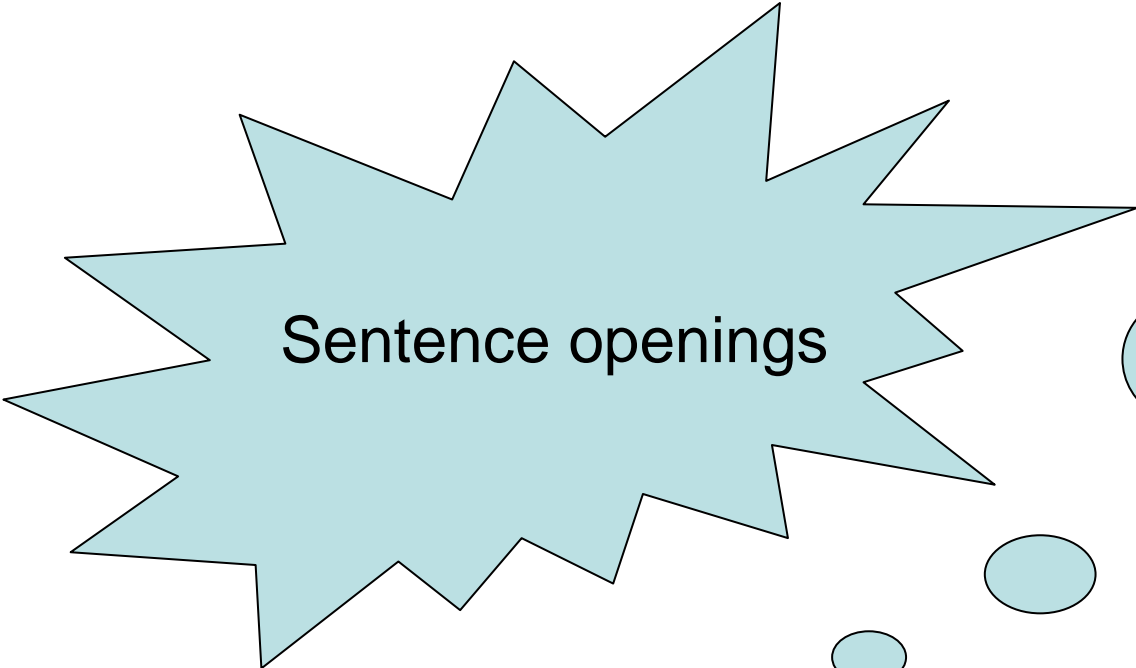
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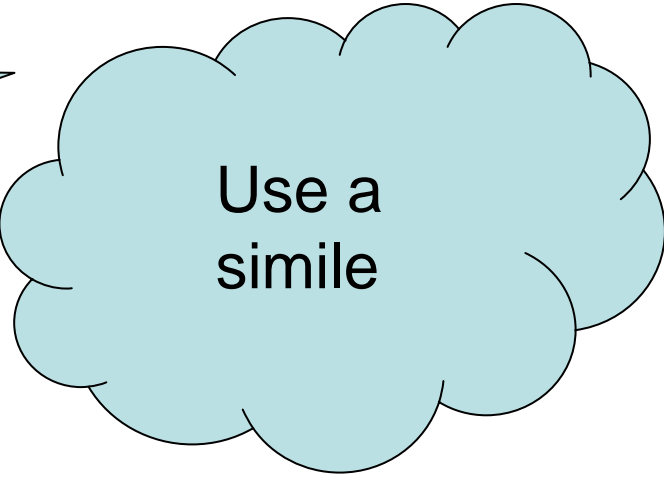
Start with
an “ing”
clause



Waiting on the
step, Julia saw
a shadow
amongst the
trees.



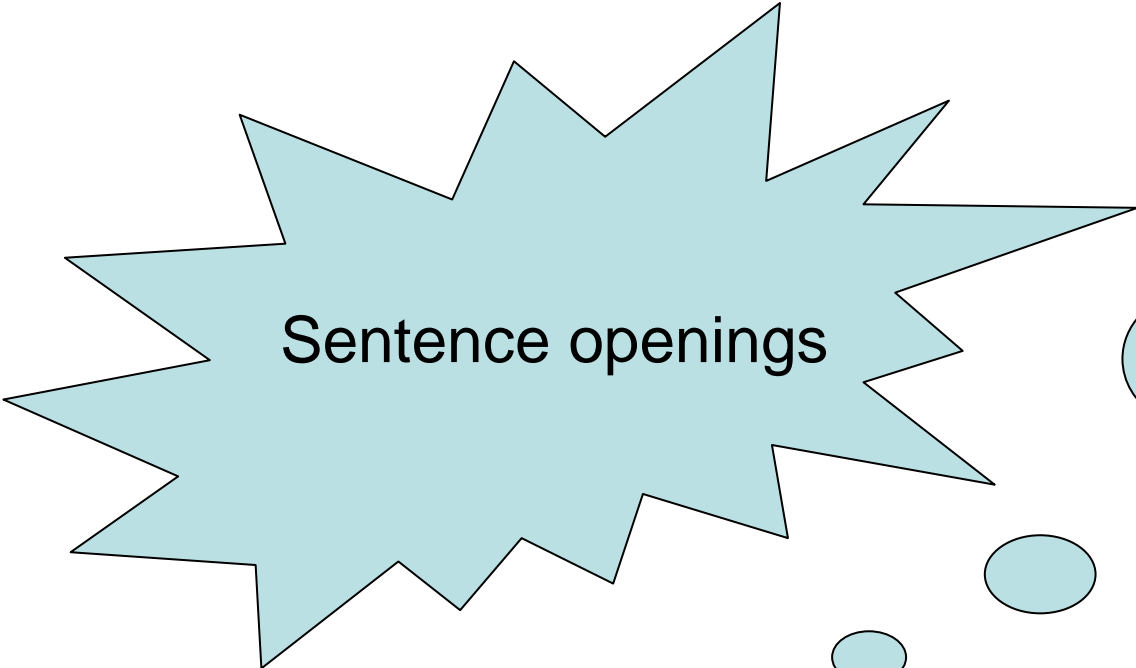
Sentence openings



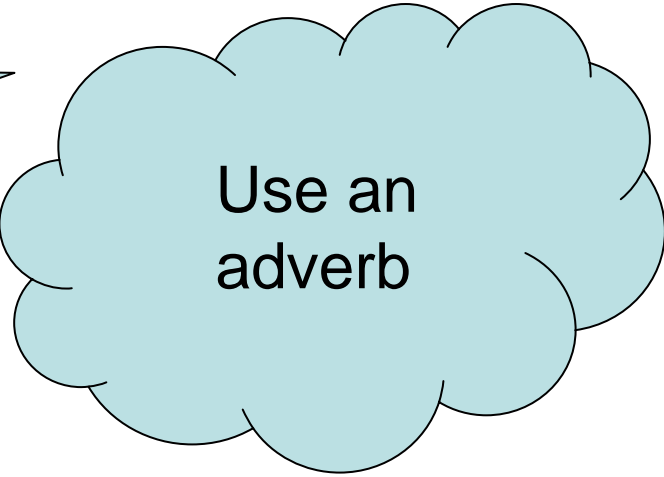
Use a simile



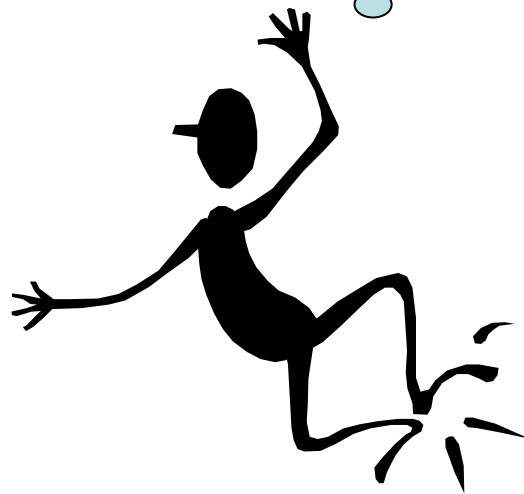
Like an arrow,
Julia shot after
it.



Sentence openings



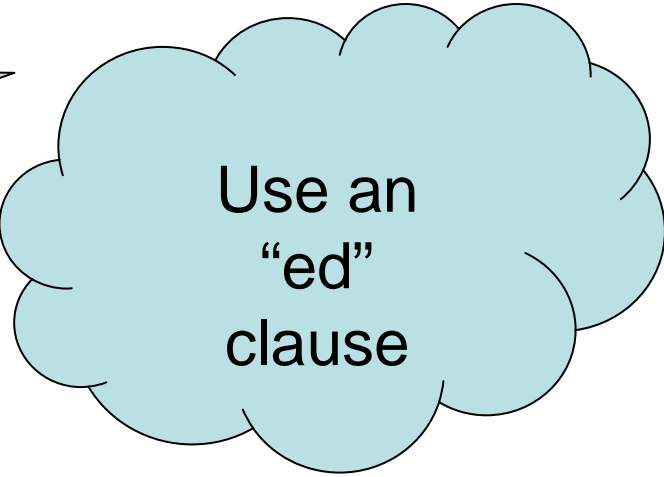
Use an
adverb



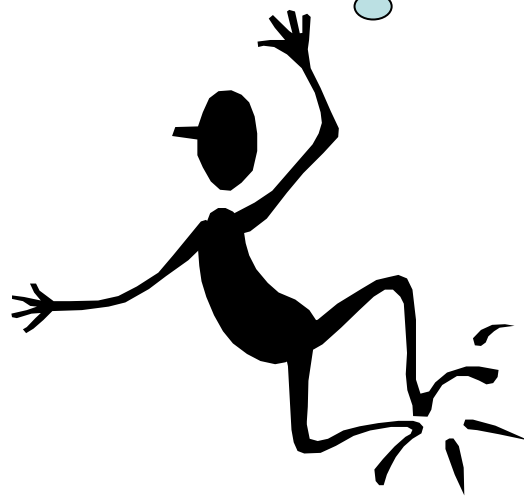
Silently, she
edged her way
through the
dense trees.



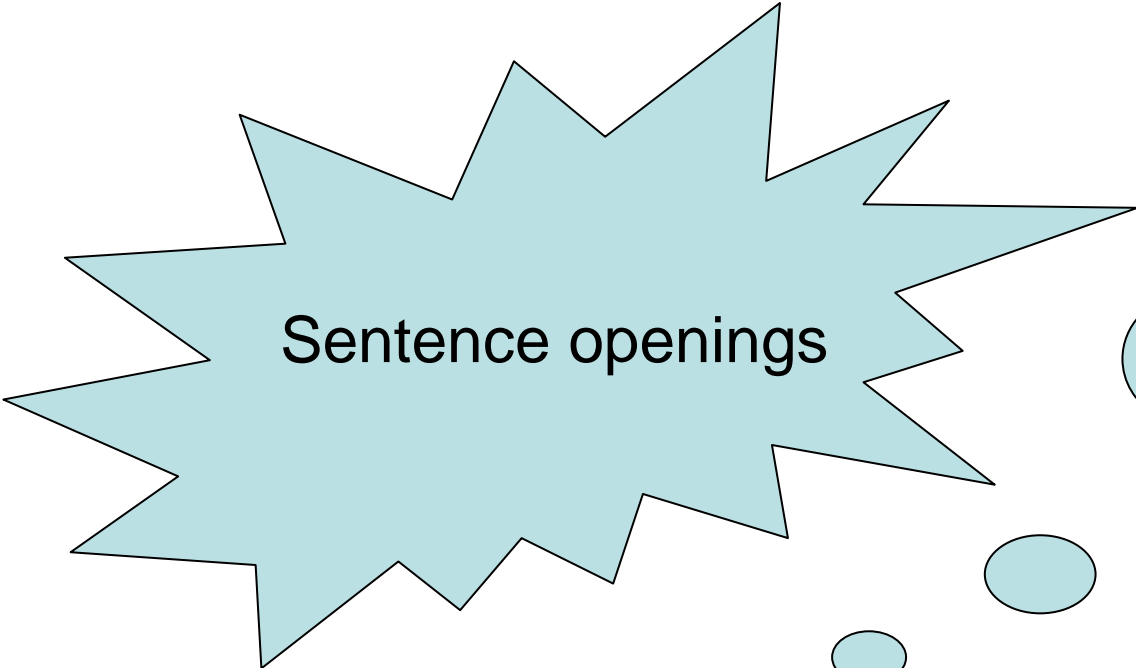
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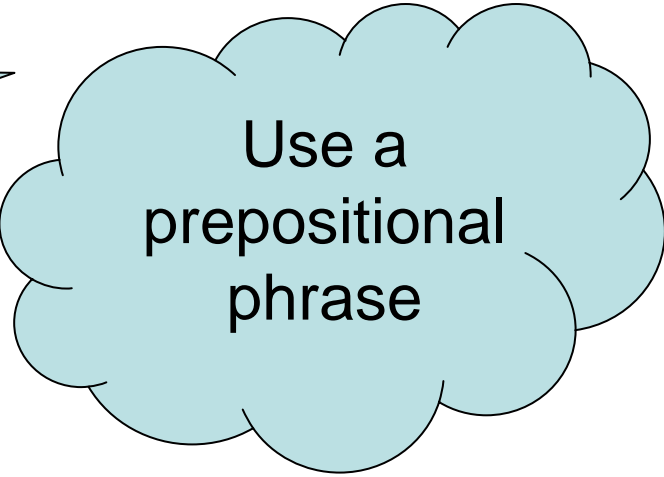
Use an
“ed”
clause



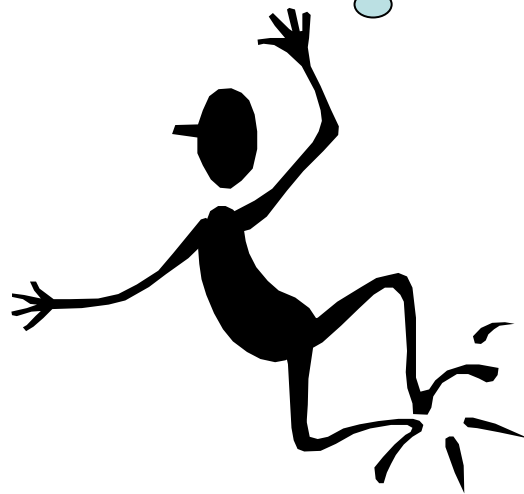
Startled, a
crow flew up
out of its nest,
cawing loudly.



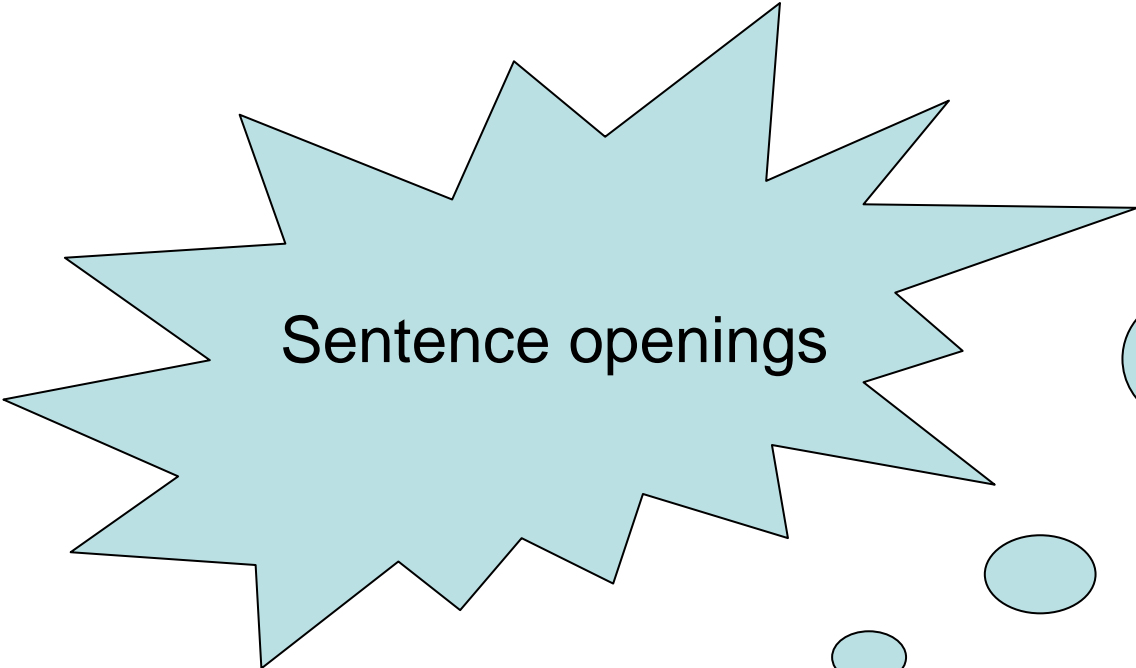
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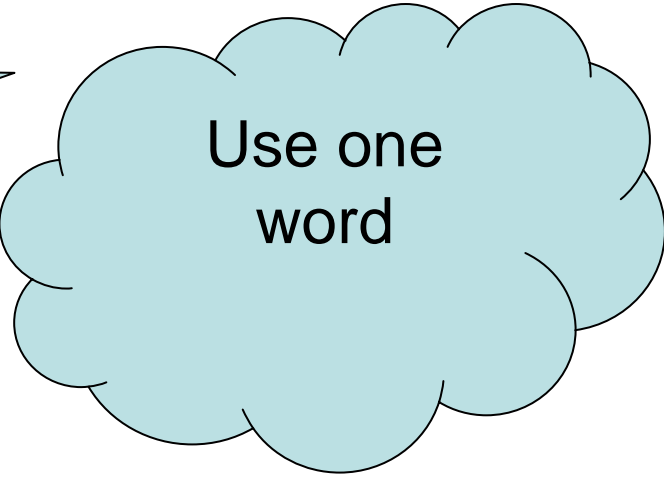
Use a
prepositional
phrase



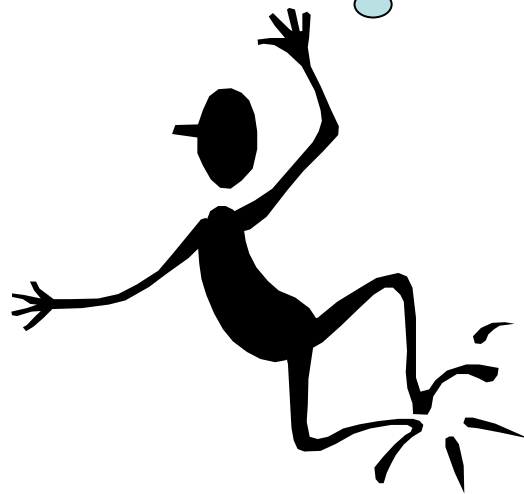
In the clearing,
Julia saw a
tumbledown
cottage.



Sentence openings



Use one
word



Curious, she
made her way
quietly forward.

Sentence openings

Varying the start of your sentences will make your writing more interesting. Try now!

Continue this story.....

But the door was now closed! **Waiting on the step**, Julia saw a shadow amongst the trees. **Like an arrow**, Julia shot after it. **Silently**, she edged her way through the dense trees. **Startled**, a crow flew up out of its nest, cawing loudly. **In the clearing**, Julia saw a tumbledown cottage. **Curious**, she made her way quietly forward.

