

Seven Sassy Sentences

(tips for adding variety to boring sentences)

Seven Sassy Sentence Types:

1. Dependent clauses
2. “ing” verb at the beginning or end
3. “ly” adverb beginnings
4. Preposition
5. Informative interrupters
6. Balanced sentences
7. Two-adjective beginnings

1. Dependent Clauses

(when, where, while, as, since, if, although, because, until)

- * Because it rained, the swimming party was postponed.
- * Since you finished all of your homework, you can go out and play.

2. “ing” verb at the beginning

- * Running like the wind, Lisa was the first to the finish line.
- * Saving the best for last, Mark finally ate his candy bar.

“ing” verb at the end

- * He trudged along the hot desert for days, wishing he had brought more water.
- * Sandy gave the homeless man all the money she had, hoping that her small act of kindness might bring him some comfort.

3. “ly” adverb beginnings

- * Cheerfully, she answered the phone for her mother.
- * Slowly opening the door, the servant tried not to wake his master.

4. Preposition

- * At the top of the mountain, Jennifer gracefully skied down the trail to the lodge.
- * Since last summer, I haven't been swimming.

5. Informative Interrupters

- * The fish, a slimy mass of flesh, felt the alligator's giant teeth sink into him as he struggled to swim away.
- * The child, face covered with chocolate doughnut, asked his mother if he could have some milk.

6. Balanced Sentences

- * He goes out onto the baseball field, spins around second base, and looks back at the dugout.
- * Choosing a Christmas tree, putting up lights, and baking cookies are all included in my December traditions.

7. Two-Adjectives Beginnings

- * Energetic, excited puppies run around our backyard after we brought them home from the pet shop.
- * Tired and hungry, I couldn't wait until dinner.