**Sentence openers…**

There are a lot of different ways to open a sentence. You can begin with a pronoun (he/she/it); with a proper noun (Mr Jones); with a verb (running/exhausted); with a phrase (under the bridge,); with an adverb (yesterday/slowly) or even with an adjective (red/big/happy).

Look at the sentences below and try and rearrange them to make them more interesting. You may need to change some words or add some in.

Challenge: Can you rewrite the sentences in more than one way?

1. The girl nervously approached the glowing washing machine.
2. The blue light shone through the machine door like liquid gold.
3. The girl yawned as she slowly turned the page of her book.
4. The jellyfish darted swiftly past her as she swam through the water.
5. The shark glared angrily at the girl as it turned to head towards her.
6. The girl let out a silent scream as she kicked her legs furiously.
7. The girl marvelled wondrously at the unusual creatures as she looked around her.
8. The girl placed her head cautiously inside the machine as she wondered whether to dive inside.
9. The girl desperately gasped for breath as she flew out of the portal.
10. The shark chuckled softly as he picked up his jeans from the floor.

How does changing the order of the sentence, change the focus? Can you make a sentence more dramatic? Can you create suspense? Can you help the reader to empathise with the character more? Does the word order, change the focus or emphasis of a sentence?