

Use Varied Sentence Openers

Use -ed -ing -ly openers

-ed (adjectives)

Tired, Exhausted, Bored,
Excited, Amused, Enchanted,
Scared, Frightened, Terrified,
Embarrassed, Alarmed, Trapped,
Cornered, Agitated, Angered,
Worried, Disappointed, Surprised,
Tempted, Stunned, Humiliated,

-ing (verbs)

Running, Sprinting, Leaping,
Hopping, Jumping, Pouncing,
Scuttling, Wandering, Following,
Meandering, Speaking, Screaming,
Shouting, Yawning, Breathing,
Wondering, Crying, Sobbing,
Gazing, Looking, Laughing,

-ly (adverbs)

Quickly, Swiftly, Suddenly,
Quietly, Silently, Softly,
Calmly, Courageously, Boldly,
Anxiously, Angrily, Briefly,
Hungrily, Happily, Slowly,
Easily, Strangely, Mysteriously,
Spookily, Horrifyingly, Carefully,

Combine -ed, -ing and -ly openers

Feeling tired, Looking quietly disappointed,
Running scared, Seeming briefly bored,

Combine -ing and -ly openers

Sprinting boldly, Meandering mysteriously,
Yawning rudely, Breathing softly,

Use 'Having'

Having just eaten lunch,
Not having much luck,
Having had an amazing time,
Not having had enough time,

Fronted adverbials are words or phrases that describe the action (verb) that follows.

Always use a comma after a fronted adverbial.

Use connecting adverbs

Meanwhile, First, Second, Third,
Before, After, Afterwards, Later,
Besides, However, Furthermore,

Use subordinating clauses:

Connecting adverbials

Before I knew it,
After the film ended,
Later that morning,
Besides playing the piano,
However hard they tried,

Conjunction openers

Although I slept well,
Since it is raining,
Despite feeling upset,
While I was out shopping,
During the night,
If the door opens,

Use prepositional phrases

Underneath the kitchen table,
Next to the bed,
Beneath the surface of the water,
Beside the old oak tree,
At the same time,
On top of her birthday cake,
To the left of his nose,
Across the road from our school,
Either side of the path,

Combine with -ed -ing -ly openers

Reading quietly under the covers,
Looking sadly out of the window,

Use similes

As cold as ice,
As tall as a double-decker bus,
As dark as night,
As bright as the summer sun,
As white as snowy leopard,
As fast as lightning,
Like a raging bull,
Like a shining star,
Like an Olympic gold medallist,

Combine with -ed -ing -ly openers

Diving as gracefully as a dolphin,
Swiftly pouncing like a panther,

Use dialogue

Don't forget inverted
commas

