

Key

Sentence Composing-Sentence Openers
Practice Test 4

Circle the number of the sentence with a sentence opener in each pair below. (Internal punctuation has been omitted; you should recognize openers by their words.)

- 1a. Jumping up and down like a pogo stick Jack made his way to the bathroom.
- 1b. He ran to the stadium early hoping to see Green Bay Packers get out of their cars.
- 2a. When she got to the corner she turned left and disappeared.
- 2b. Margot drove down the street and she ran into a truck.
- 3a. A large box sat on the porch just waiting to be opened up.
- 3b. Stretched out on the porch the old dog lay in the afternoon sun.

Make the underlined part of the second sentence a sentence opener for the first sentence. Write your new sentence on the lines, putting in correct capitalization and punctuation. Also, write what type of an opener you have created.

- 4. Mike walked into the class yesterday. He was screaming loudly.
Screaming loudly, Mike walked into class yesterday.
 Type of opener: present participle
- 5. My mother was baking a birthday cake. It was for Dad's surprise party.
For Dad's surprise party, My mother was baking a birthday cake.
 Type of opener: prepositional phrase
- 6. We all stood up and said the Pledge. This happened when announcements came on.
When announcements came on, we all stood up and said the Pledge.
 Type of opener: introductory clause

Be able to do these without the underlining, also

In each group below, unscramble the sentence parts to create a sentence that begins with a sentence opener.

- 7. but the test was postponed
my friend stayed home from school
hoping that he would miss the science test
Hoping that he would miss the science test, my friend stayed home from school, but the test was postponed.
- 8. in the dark
because the electricity went off
we ate our dinner
Because the electricity went off, we ate our dinner in the dark. or In the dark we ate our dinner because the electricity went off.

Combine the list of sentences together, remembering to begin with a sentence opener. Remember to use correct capitalization and punctuation.

- 9. It happened
The lightning struck the trees,
It split them in half.
It destroyed them.
When the storm began, the lightning struck the trees, splitting them in half and destroying them. or When the storm began, the lightning struck the trees and split them in half, destroying them.

Use your imagination to add a sentence opener to each sentence below. You may not use the same type opener for every sentence. Remember to add only a sentence part, not a second sentence. Rewrite the sentence using proper capitalization and punctuation. Also, write the type of opener you have created.

- 10. ^ They were more scared than they had ever been.
Walking through the dark woods, they were more scared than they had ever been.
 Type of opener present participle

Example:

- 11. ^ Mrs. Jones wrote a note to Jack's teacher.
On her special stationery, Mrs Jones wrote a note to Jack's teacher.
 Type of opener: prepositional phrase

Example:

For the last three sentences you will write your own creative sentence, using a sentence opener with a certain amount of words. One sentence will require 1-5 words, another 6-10 words, the last 11-20 words.

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