Sentence Composing - Sentence Openers
Practice Test 2

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 line, 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.

____________________________________________________________________________________

Type of opener: ___________________________

5. My mother was baking a birthday cake. It was for Dad’s surprise party.

____________________________________________________________________________________

Type of opener: ___________________________

6. We all stood up and said the Pledge. This happened when announcements came on.

____________________________________________________________________________________

Type of opener: ___________________________

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

____________________________________________________________________________________

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

8. in the dark
   because the electricity went off
   we ate our dinner

____________________________________________________________________________________

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.

9. They were more scared than they had ever been.

____________________________________________________________________________________

Type of opener: ___________________________

10. Mrs. Jones wrote a note to Jack’s teacher.

____________________________________________________________________________________

Type of opener: ___________________________

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.