

# Sentence starter menu

Choose some delicious sentence starters to begin your writing

## 1. Sentences that tell you 'when'

- *In early March*, godwits leave New Zealand to migrate to Japan, Korea and China.
- *Several hours later*, Josh stumbled out of the forest and raised the alarm.

## 2. Sentences that tell you 'where'

- As she lay in a beanbag reading *in the library*, Minnie remembered her mother's words.
- *Redwood National Park, California*, is home to the world's tallest living tree.

## 3. The '-ly' starter

- *Slowly*, the old lady crossed the road.
- *Cautiously*, Felix picked up the injured sparrow.

## 4. Short, attention-grabbing sentences

- She gasped.
- He screamed.

## 5. Similes

- *As skilled as an artist*, the spider spun its intricate web.
- *Like thunder*, the waves crashed onto the beach.

## 6. Alliteration

- The *silvery snake* slipped silently into the reeds.
- The *wicked wolf* watched as Little Red Riding Hood skipped through the forest.

## 7. Sentences with three actions

- William *raced* into the kitchen, *dropped* his school bag and *headed* straight to the fridge.
- Mere *opened* her bag, *grabbed* her iPod and *inserted* her earplugs.

## 8. Describe the character:

- Anton was a *compulsive liar*.
- Luisa was always the *life of the party*.

## 9. Metaphors

- *The sun was an orange ball* in the evening sky.
- *Bianca was the shining star* of her netball team.

## \* 10. The '-ing' starter

- *Ambling* along the path, Rowan noticed something shiny on the ground.
- *Singing* loudly, John was oblivious to his mum's call.

## \* 11. The '-ed' starter

- *Puzzled* by Isla's reaction, Mohammed wondered if he had done the right thing.
- *Devastated* and exhausted, the defeated team shook hands with the new world champions.

## \* 12. Drop-in clause

- Katarina, *who was fluent in Spanish*, explained the items on the menu.
- Shelly, *brimming with confidence*, aced the geometry test.

\* These are complex sentences.