

Great Writers Make **Better** Sentences

"A PROFESSIONAL writer is an
AMATEUR who didn't QUIT."

-Richard Batch

"If you don't see the BOOK you
WANT on the shelf, WRITE it."

-Beverly Cleary

YOU WILL LEARN:

**1. GOOD OPENERS (SENTENCE OPENERS ADD
SPICE)**

**2. S-V SPLITS (SUBJECTS AND VERBS HAVE A
BANANA SPLIT)**

3. GOOD CLOSERS (CLOSING THE DOOR)

Sentence Openers Add Spice

WITHOUT OPENER:

He dropped his blaster and I
grabbed it and tossed it to Leia.

WITH OPENER:

**Thinking fast, I executed a perfect
cartwheel and hit him right in the
face,** he dropped his blaster and I
grabbed it and tossed it to Leia.

HELPFUL HINTS AND TIPS:

1. OPENERS ARE PUT BEFORE THE SUBJECT OF A SENTENCE.
2. OPENERS ADD EXTRA INFORMATION TO THE SENTENCE, SUCH AS DESCRIPTION.
3. WHEN MATCHING YOUR OPENERS TO YOUR SENTENCES, LOOK AT WHICH EXAMPLES BEST FIT TOGETHER TO MAKE AN INTERESTING AND READABLE SENTENCE.

Subjects and Verbs have a Banana Split

WITHOUT SV SPLIT

My friend took a book from the library

WITH SV SPLIT

My friend, **a wiry kid named Emily**, took a book from the library

HELPFUL HINTS AND TIPS

1. THESE SENTENCE TOOLS GO BETWEEN THE SUBJECT AND THE VERB.
2. THEY ADD MORE TO A SENTENCE: "THE GIRL RAN" VS "THE GIRL, A BLONDE BEAUTY, RAN"

Closing the Door: sentence closers

WITHOUT CLOSERS

He looks much younger than
I expected

WITH CLOSERS

He looks much younger than
I expected, **like a thirteen-
year-old, but a bit on the
taller side.**

CLOSERS GO AFTER THE PREDICATE OF A SENTENCE

THEY ARE "SET OFF BY COMMAS" I.E.

**MY MOTHERS HAD BEEN SCOLDING ME, TELLING ME TO
KEEP STILL, WARNING ME THAT I MUST MAKE NO NOISE.**

**MAKE YOUR IMITATIONS ORIGINAL TO YOU, USE AN
ANECDOTE FROM YOUR LIFE, PART OF A STORY YOU
MAKE UP OR JUST AN IDEA.**



Post your **Faves**

SHARE your favorite sentences with us! USE your favorite sentence composing TOOLS to help! (OPENERS, CLOSERS, SV SPLITS)

STAY HEALTHY!!!!

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