

ACTIVITY 1: MATCHING

These sentences have their openers separated from themselves, combine the sentence with its opener at the carrot mark (^), write out and punctuate the sentence.

Sentence	Opener
<p>1. ^ Nelson and his father cared for cattle and sheep. Barry Denenberg <i>Nelson Mandela: No Easy Walk to Freedom</i></p>	<p>a. The youngest and only boy of four children,</p>
<p>2. ^he stopped his rig on the crest of a low rise Jon Krakauer <i>Into the Wild</i></p>	<p>b. There, on a piece of red velvet,</p>
<p>3. ^Hitler's planes, tanks, and soldiers slashed deep into Polish territory Steve Sheinkin <i>Bomb</i></p>	<p>c. Millions came to Washington, D.C.,</p>
<p>4. ^the smell of burned flesh hit Pete even before the hatch was completely open. Tom Wolfe <i>The Right Stuff</i></p>	<p>d. Worried that he would get stuck in the snow if he drove father</p>
<p>5. ^the Italians saw sea planes as the way of the future. Bill Bryson <i>One Summer</i></p>	<p>e. Using a new style of attack known as blitzkrieg, German for "Lightning war",</p>
<p>6. ^to pay their respects Janet B Pascal <i>Who was Abraham Lincoln</i></p>	<p>f. If Louisa was bad,</p>
<p>7. ^was a gold locket and chain Helen Boyd Higgins <i>Juliette Low: Girl Scout Founder</i></p>	<p>g. Born in Russian-dominated Poland in 1867,</p>
<p>8. ^Marie Sklodowska grew up valuing knowledge and service to society. Rebecca Hazell <i>Heroines: Great Women Through the Ages</i></p>	<p>h. While American fliers were investing all their energies into land planes,</p>
<p>9. ^she got no dinner at all. Kathleen Krull <i>Lives of the Writers: Comedies, Tragedies (And what the Neighbors Thought)</i></p>	<p>i. As the helicopter came down between the pine trees and settled onto the bogs where the accident had occurred,</p>

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HELPFUL HINTS AND TIPS

- Openers are put before the subject of a sentence.
- Openers add extra information to the sentence, such as description.
- When matching your openers to your sentences, look at which examples best fit together to make an interesting and readable sentence.

ACTIVITY 2: IMITATING

Copy the model sentence and create your own sentence using the same tools as the models. Punctuate and share your imitations with your family or siblings.

1. All morning my mother had been scolding me, **telling me to keep still, warning me I must make no noise.**
2. Sharks glided in lazy loops around their rafts, **dragging their backs along the rafts, waiting.**
3. The town's natives did their shopping on King Street, **the town's shopping strip, a slice of chain department stores, auto dealerships, fast-food restaurants.**
4. She was an accomplished violinist, **far out of the ordinary in fact, her talent so highly valued in her home that growing up she never had to do the dishes for fear that her fingers would be damaged by soap and water.**
5. The pilot was busy, **trying to restart the engine, working to raise somebody on the radio, reviewing emergency procedures, keeping the ride glide angle to hold the plane in the air as long as possible and yet maintain flying speed, trying all the while to locate a place suitable for an emergency landing.**

HELPFUL HINTS AND TIPS

- 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.

ACTIVITY 3: COMBIING

You are given five incomplete sentences, wherever there is a carrot mark (^) add in your own SV split.

EXAMPLE: Clarkson, **in the years after the Civil war**, was sometimes called Goatsville.

1. Talloi, ^, asked why they were back. She was breathing hard and speaking slowly.
2. Arrowhead crabs, ^, have eyes set so far apart they can see in almost a complete circle. They are bright spiderlike reef creatures familiar to scuba divers.
3. Nancy Gunter, ^, came to work before midnight. She was in charge of the astronaut crew quarters in the operations and checkout building.
4. A thousand pages, ^, was an unwieldy load requiring both arms to carry. They were loosely bound and with no two sheets quite matching.
5. Chung, ^, launched a project in South Florida to represent mentally incompetent immigrants facing deportation. The daughter of South Korean immigrants and a passionate advocate for human rights.