

Different Ways to Begin Sentences

1. Begin with a common noun (singular or plural).
(Do not begin with *the*.)

Ex: Raindrops rapidly hit my face as I walked out into the rain.

2. Begin with an adjective.

Ex: Nervous and excited, I got into position on the stage.

3. Begin with a phrase that tells when.

Ex: Just as the tardy bell rang, I dashed into the classroom.

4. Begin with a verb ending in *-ing*.

Ex: Huffing and puffing, Bobby proudly crossed the finish line.

5. Begin with a phrase that tells where.

Ex: Sitting on the edge of my bed, I waited anxiously for the phone to ring.

6. Begin with a phrase that tells how.

Ex: By pretending I left my daily folder at school, I was able to put off showing my parents my failing grade until the next day.

7. Begin with an adverb ending in *-ly*.

Ex: Sluggishly, I dragged my exhausted body out of bed and down the stairs.

8. Begin with prepositional phrase.

Ex: On top of the refrigerator, my black cat, Olivia, napped peacefully.