

Six Sassy Sentences

(tips for adding variety to boring
sentences)

Why use variety in your sentences?

- Sentence variety is necessary for a number of reasons:
 - * Sentence variety makes your writing more interesting to read!
 - * Sentence variety adds style to your writing!
 - * Sentence variety will help develop your writing skills!

Six Sassy Sentence types:

1. Two-adjective beginnings
2. “-ing” at beginning or end
3. “-ly” beginnings
4. Informative interrupters (appositives)
5. Balanced sentences
6. Dependent clauses

On a sheet of loose-leaf paper, write two sentences for each example given. Be sure to punctuate your sentences correctly.

- At the end of the lesson, you should turn in 12 written sentences that are modeled after the examples.
- This will be a class work grade worth 40%.

1. Two-Adjective Beginnings:

- Tall, handsome lifeguards flirt wildly with the pretty girls.
- Rickety and dilapidated, the old schoolhouse didn't stand a chance in an earthquake.

Now
you
try:



2. “-ing” at beginning

- Running like the wind, Forrest Gump made national headline news.
- Saving the best for last, Lisa finally ate her Reese’s peanut butter cup.

Now
you
try:



“-ing” at end

- He trudged along the hot desert for days, wishing he had brought more water.
- Sandy gave the homeless man all the money she had, hoping that her small act of kindness might bring him some comfort.

Now
you
try:



3. “-ly” at beginning

- Cheerfully, she answered the phone for her mother.
- Slowly opening the door, the servant tried not to wake his master.

Now
you
try:



4. Informative Interrupters

- The fish, a slimy mass of flesh, felt the alligator's giant teeth sink into him as he struggled to swim away.
- The child, face covered with chocolate doughnut, asked his mother if he could have some milk.

Now
you
try:



5. Balanced Sentences

- He runs onto the baseball field, spins around second base, and looks back at the academy.
- Choosing a Christmas tree, putting up Christmas lights, and baking Christmas cookies are all included in my December traditions.

Now
you
try:



6. Dependent Clauses

- Because it rained, the garden party was postponed.
- Since the road construction is complete, Jim can make it home in only ten minutes.

Now
you
try:



- Turn in your Sassy Sentences