

Sentence Variety

1) Combine Sentences

We ran into the airport. We checked our luggage .Then we raced to the boarding gate.
We gave the attendant our boarding pass. After that we collapsed in our seats.

2) Sub+ if/when/after/because...+verb

Sara, when she finally managed to sleep, had a series of bad dreams.

3) Begin sentences with an adverb.

Luckily, I won the lottery last night.

4) Begin sentences with a prepositional phrase.

Under the desk, you'll find your notebook.

5) Begin sentences with an –ing verb form.

Having studied all night, she passed the exam

6) Begin sentences with an –ed verb form.

Stunned, confused, and a little scared, they tried to make sense of what had happened.

7) Use an appositive

Ms. Bonnie, our class tutor, helped me with my paper.

8) Use a relative clause.

Ms. Bonnie, who is our class tutor, helped me with my paper.

9) Use different sentence types.

a) Simple sentences.

Fresh water boils at 100 degrees Celsius at sea level. (S+V)

Fresh water boils at 100 degrees Celsius and freezes at 0 degrees Celsius.(S+V+V)

Fresh water and salt water do not boil and do not freeze at the same temperatures.(S+S+V+V)

b) Complex Sentences

Because grammar is easy, I learned it quickly.

I learned it quickly because grammar is easy.

When I tried to enter the class, the teacher told me that there was no class.

c) Compound Sentences

Grammar is easy, so I learned it quickly.

Grammar is easy; therefore, I learned it quickly.

Grammar is easy; I learned it quickly.

d) Compound complex Sentence

Because grammar is easy, I learned it quickly, but it took me several years to master writing.