

Awkward Sentences

Revision

- ▶ Procrastination ~~actually~~ makes ~~certain~~ people ~~really~~ unsuccessful more than ~~virtually~~ any other ~~particular~~ habit.

Words that have little meaning

Revision

- ▶ I hope you give this matter your ~~full and~~ complete attention.

Redundancy

Revision

- ▶ By accepting an invitation, you have ~~not avoided~~ ~~precluding~~ buying a gift. agreed to

negatives

Revision

- ▶ I ~~believe that~~ homework should be eliminated.
- ▶ The cheese ~~clearly~~ overpowered the pasta and, ~~of course~~, made the dish rather ~~difficult~~ to eat.

Qualifiers

Answer key/exercise 1, pg. 35

1. A fundamental part of cooking is making sure you have the right ingredients.
2. Every student deserves a fair chance to try out for intramural sports.
3. First, the Board of Directors cannot make a decision without a consensus.
4. Earlier today, my sister told me she would pick me up after work.
5. Various people in our office were in favor of moving the water cooler to a location that would be easier for everyone to reach.
6. One mistake some beginning swimmers make is forgetting to kick.

Answer key/exercise 2, pg. 36

- ▶ 7. More than any other invention, the telephone has changed the way we communicate.
- ▶ 8. The V-8 engine is powerful, but it isn't the only good engine design.
- ▶ 9. Several students fail, even though the curriculum is clear.
- ▶ 10. Scientists find it impossible to estimate the size of the universe, but they can come close.
- ▶ 11. The best skiers frequently suffer serious injuries.

Ways to avoid awkward sentences

Words with little meaning

Redundant words

negatives

Qualifiers



What type of sentences are we dealing with till now?

Participles and Participial Phrases

- ▶ We saw Lance Armstrong **receiving the yellow jersey** after the first mountain stage of the Tour de France.

participle

Participial phrase = Participle + modifiers

So what is one way to add variety to your sentences?

Gerunds and Gerund Phrases

- ▶ **Working on my short story** made my summer very enjoyable.

gerund

Gerund phrase = gerund + modifiers

So what is another way to add variety to your sentences?

Infinitives and Infinitive Phrases

- ▶ There is a way **to get past the road block.**

Infinitive

Infinitive phrase = infinitive + modifiers

So what is another way to add variety to your sentences?

Appositives and Appositive Phrases

▶ My cousin, Ahlam, plays the piano.



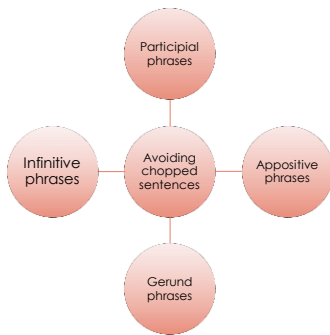
▶ My cousin, a talented pianist, used to teach private music lesson.

Appositive phrase = phrase + modifiers

So what is another way to add variety to your sentences?



What type of sentences are we dealing with?



Answer Key- Exercise 3, pg. 39

1. Appositive
2. Infinitive
3. Participial
4. Gerund
5. Participial
6. Appositive
7. Infinitive