

## Sentence Variety

### Revision

What types of awkward sentences have we seen so far?  
 How can we correct each type?  
 Give examples of awkward sentences you have changed in your writing.



► What do you think makes your writing varied?

### Study the Examples

He woke up. He went downstairs. It was cold. The table was set. He sat down. Breakfast was hot. He ate quickly. He stood up. He cleaned his dishes. He went upstairs. He got dressed. It was time to start his day.

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As he always did, he woke up immediately and went down the steep staircase to the kitchen table. It was cold, but the table was set and breakfast was hot so he sat down and ate quickly. He stood up, cleaned his dishes, went upstairs, and got dressed; it was time to start his day.

### practice

► Do exercise 1, pg 42

## Suggested Answer

- ▶ He woke up immediately and went down the steep staircase to the kitchen table. It was cold. The table was set and breakfast was hot, so he sat down. He ate quickly. When he was finished, he stood up, cleaned his dishes, went upstairs, and got dressed. It was time to start his day.

## Conjunctions

- ▶ Did you eat the last shrimp? Did you give it to someone else?
  - What is the subject here?
  - What is repeated here?
  - How can I combine both sentences?

## Compare

- ▶ Did you eat the last shrimp **OR** give it to someone else?
- ▶ Did you eat the last shrimp, **OR** did you give it to someone else?

## Practice

- ▶ Exercise 2, page 42

## Answer key

- b.** Joe loves watching television but hates soap operas.
- c.** We can drive to San Francisco or take an airplane.
- b.** The driver lost the map but found the house anyway.
- a.** The cowboys rounded up the cows and put them in the corral.
- a.** The carpenter built a chair and a footstool.

## Study the sentence

- ▶ The drawbridge is raised, and the knights all take their positions along the battlement, and the king returns to the map room.
- ▶ Raising the drawbridge, the knights all take their positions along the battlement while the king returns to the map room.

### Study the example

- ▶ I am a big tennis fan, and so I like to watch the matches on TV and sometimes I have a chance to see good tennis live and I try to get the best seats.
- ▶ As a big tennis fan, I like to watch matches on TV. When I have the chance to see good tennis live, I try to get the best seats.

Divide into 2 sentences

### Practice

- ▶ Exercise 3, pg 3
- ▶ Individual
- ▶ Compare answers

### Suggested answers

6. Our trip in the car to Daniel's Seaside Resort took four hours, and the air conditioning did not work, so a bee flew in when we rolled down the windows.
7. The resort was smaller and more rustic than we expected, so we stayed in the main lodge most of the time, playing a lot of ping pong, sitting by the empty fireplace, and talking.
8. Outside, the sun burned my skin and the mosquitoes were everywhere, so we went back inside to swim in the indoor pool and sit in the hot tub until our fingers were wrinkled.
9. The game room had lots of video games, pinball and air hockey, so we took turns playing and watching while the others played.
10. Our summer trip ended too soon; we would like to go back and stay in the same room, and spend more time outside next year.

### Rearranging sentences

The food is in the refrigerator. The food is from the Chinese restaurant.

The food is in the refrigerator. The food is **from the Chinese restaurant**.

The **food from the Chinese restaurant** is in the refrigerator.

### Adding a participial

We saw a duck. The duck quaked at some geese.

We saw a duck **quacking** at some geese.

### Adding an appositive

Willie Mays hit many home runs in his career.

Willie Mays was **an outfielder**.

**Willie Mays, an outfielder**, hit many homeruns in his career.

## Practice

▶ Exercise 4, page 45

## Answer key

- 11. The garden at the back of the house is overgrown.
- 12. Did you see that tall basketball player at the mall?
- 13. I caught a frog hopping across the path.
- 14. Ace Green, a local businessman, is a big donor to the public radio station.

## Sum up

▶ What are the different ways we saw in order to achieve sentence variety?

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graph TD; A((Sentence variety)) --- B((Adding conjunctions)); A --- C((Divide sentence)); A --- D((Rearrange sentences)); A --- E((Add a participial)); A --- F((Add an appositive));
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## Varying Sentence Beginnings

- ▶ Quite a few students have been taking performing arts classes recently.
- ▶ Recently, quite a few students have been taking performing arts classes.

- ▶ Joe lived in Chicago when he received his Master's degree and decided to become a teacher.
- ▶ Living in Chicago, Joe received his Master's degree and decided to become a teacher.

- ▶ Wendy Nguyen wrote three different essays to win the prize.
- ▶ To win the prize, Wendy Nguyen wrote three different essays.

- ▶ The shadows can frighten you in the woods.
- ▶ In the woods, the shadows can frighten you..

- ▶ Liam stretches before a race.
- ▶ Before a race, Liam stretches.

- ▶ Sara paints with a fine brush.
- ▶ With a fine brush, Sara paints.

▶ He is respectful to his elders.

▶ To his elders, he is respectful.

### Clause Modifiers

▶ Detectives continue to search the crime scene for evidence because there have been no clues found so far..

▶ Because there have been no clues found so far, detectives continue to search the crime scene for evidence.