

Varied Sentence Starters

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Using the Question Words as Sentence Starters:

1. "What" Words

Plural Nouns (*Stars* dotted the sky.)

Number words (*Six* men stood still.)

Size words (*Large* hills rose into the sky.)

Shape words (*Round* tables filled the tent.)

Age (*Young* men lined up for miles.)

Colour words (*Purple* flowers poked their noses up through the grass.)

Description words (*Dainty* lace flowed from the collar of the dress.)

2. "When" Words

*Suddenly

*All of a sudden

*At that moment

*Instantly

*Soon

*All at once

*In a twinkple

*Just then

*In a flash/twinkle

*Later on

*Not too long

*In a while

*A short time later

*Next

*In a few minutes

***Times of Day** (morning, afternoon, evening, night)

***Seasons** (spring, summer, autumn, winter)

***Time Periods** (once upon a time, many years ago, long ago, centuries ago, last week)

3. "How" Words

***ly** words (example: Quickly, the boy snatched up his ball.)

***ing** words (example: Soaring, the plane flew into the sky.)

4. "Where" Words

around, above, behind, beneath, below, beside, between, deep, downwards, down, in, inside, into, on, onto, over, passed, through, to, toward, upon, under,

5. "Who" Words

***Titles** (Mr. Mrs. Miss Dr.)

***Descriptions of characters**

Example One: The little old man limped along.

Example Two: The furry creature bounded up to my nose.

***Names of characters** (Herbert, the horse, flicked his tail.)

***Pronouns** (I, it, he, her, him, me, my, she, them, they, we)

"ly" Sentence Starter Dictionary

A

accidentally adamantly alternately angrily annually
 apparently approvingly anxiously assuredly

B

badly barely bashfully bizarrely blindly boastfully
 boldly bravely briefly brightly busily bumpily

C

calmly carefully carelessly cautiously cheerfully
 cheerily clearly clumsily compellingly correctly
 courageously crazily creepily crestfallenly crossly
 cruelly currently

D

daily daintily decidedly defiantly deliberately
 doggedly doubtfully

E

easily elegantly eloquently enormously enthusiastically
 equally evenly eventually

F

faithfully fatally ferociously fiercely firmly fondly
 foolishly fortunately frankly freely frantically

G

gently gladly gleefully gracefully gratefully
 gravely greedily grimly

H

happily hastily honestly hopefully hourly humbly
 hungrily

I

innocently inquisitively irritably

J

jauntily jealously jokingly joyously justly

K

kindly

L

lazily limply lively loosely loudly lovingly
 lustily

M					
madly	magnificently	mainly	mercilessly	minutely	mirthfully
mischievously	monthly	mortally	mostly	mysteriously	
N					
nearly	neatly	nervously	noisily		
O					
obediently	obnoxiously	occasionally	only		
P					
painfully	patiently	perfectly	politely	poorly	powerfully
promptly	properly	punctually			
Q					
quarterly	queerly	quickly	quietly	quirkily	
R					
rapidly	rarely	really	recklessly	regularly	reluctantly
repeatedly	rightfully	righteously		roughly	rudely
S					
sadly	safely	selfishly	seriously	shakily	sharply
sheepishly	shrilly	shyly	silently	skeptically	sleepily
slowly	smartly	smoothly	softly	solemnly	sneakily
sneeringly	speedily	stealthily	sternly	successfully	suddenly
surely	suspiciously	swiftly			
T					
tenderly	thoughtfully	tightly	tragically	tremendously	truthfully
U					
unexpectedly	unusually	unconsciously			
V					
valiantly	vehemently	victoriously	viciously	violently	vivaciously
W					
warmly	weakly	wearily	weekly	widely	wildly
Y					
yearly					