

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 twink

*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