

WRITE ON!



We are great writers because we use these tips!

WRITE NOW!

Design your own punctuation face using all of these.

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Use them!

Cool Connectives

- if after while as well as
- although however also
- besides even though
- nevertheless in addition to
- contrary to despite
- so as to therefore on the one hand on the other hand

- ❖ Think of a sentence.
- ❖ Say the sentence.
- ❖ Can I add more detail?
Can I re-order it?
- ❖ Write the sentence.
- ❖ Read the sentence.

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Connectives to signal time

- At the start,
- As the day awoke,
- One wet, weary Wednesday,
- Timed ticked by so slowly,
- Meanwhile,
- Soon afterwards,
- In the blink of an eye,
- Suddenly, without warning,
- In a flash,
- Days passed,
- As the day faded into night,
- Finally.



Star Sentence Starters

Start with an ed word:

- Frightened
- Exhausted
- Excited
- Worried
- Surprised
- Petrified
- Blessed
- Confused
- Delighted
- Concerned
- Cornered
- Betrayed
- Disappointed

Start with an ing word

- Singing
- Sighing
- Laughing
- Forgetting
- Mumbling
- Staring
- Playing
- Grinning
- Bouncing
- Warning
- Shooing
- Sitting
- Growling

Start with a simile

- As quick as a flash,
- As slow as a snail,
- Running like the wind,
- Smiling like the Cheshire cat,
- Exploding like the cork out of a bottle of pop,
- Staring with cat-like eyes,
- With a face like thunder,
- Cunning as a fox,
- Looking like the cat that got the cream,
- As mad as a hatter,
- Looking as white as a ghost,



Vary those sentences!

Sentence of three:

The boy opened the door, slipped through the gap and crept into the garden.

Add words in:

The scruffy dog ran across the busy road.

Add words at the end:

The dog ran across the road because he saw a cat.

Add on at the beginning:

When it saw the cat, the dog ran across the road.

Change words:

The dog scampered across the road when it noticed the cat.

Add in a simile:

The dog, running like the wind, chased after the fleeing cat.

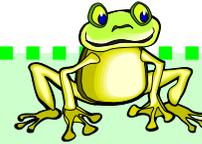
Alliterate:

The canny canine capered after the flea-bitten, fleeing feline.

Don't forget those commas!

Mess about with clauses!

Grinning from ear to ear, the naughty boy dropped the frog into his teacher's handbag.
The naughty boy, grinning from ear to ear, dropped the frog into his teacher's handbag.
Disappointed by the size of his prize, the boy stomped off in a sulk.
The old house, crumbling from years of neglect, stood forlorn and empty at the end of the overgrown drive.
"If I've told you once, I've told you a thousand times, don't put your pet frog in your sister's bed!" my mother grumbled, not for the first time!



Amazing adjectives

ghastly Jacobean
miniature lippy
perfect monstrous
horrendous nonsensical
bizarre opulent
gullable preposterous
casual quarrelsome
delectable repellent
elegant serene
futuristic turbulent
irritating weary

Set the scene - Use the senses!

A storm was brewing. The wind rose and threw rain at the land.
It was a blue day; a bright, light, get up and go day!
One wet, weary, Wednesday morning
The sun shimmered in the sky like a golden yolk on a porcelain plate.
Tangled cobwebs fluttered in the icy draught that fingered through every crack in the ancient walls.
Mrs Pott's cottage was not a model of neatness but it was a treasure trove of all sorts of exciting goodies.
The smell of baking bread would waft into the lane to mingle with the scent of the roses round the door.
The village nestled beneath the starry sky.
Candle-light flickered in cottage windows beckoning the weary traveller.
It was dark. Dark as coal, dark as jet, dark as fear!
What a storm! It banged and roared and crashed and rattled. (Leon Garfield)



Create the character

The old man's face was as gnarled as a walnut that had been left out in the sun for years.
Billy hurtled down the lane, his carrot hair bouncing around his hot, freckly face.
Grandma Rose was round and tiny and had a nose like a potato.
As he flashed by we would sometimes catch a glimpse of the great glistening beery face above the wheel, pink as ham, all soft and inflamed from drinking too much beer. (Roald Dahl 'Danny . . .')
Billy wasn't the brightest of boys but he could run like the wind and spit for England!
Buster had eyes like melting toffees, ears that didn't match - one up, one down, the scruffiest coat imaginable and the silliest smile you ever saw on a dog!
"Bah!" said Scrooge, "Humbug!" (Dickens)



Astounding adverbs

Laughing hysterically
Sighing longingly
Running clumsily
Coughing surreptitiously
Gazing adoringly
Singing tunelessly
Sniffing snootily
Acting suspiciously
Sleeping soundly
Whispering quietly
Bounding energetically



Powerful Verbs

squirreled jollied
rummaged giggled
whinged haggled
pined pestered
blundered wheedled
tumbled sniggered
considered flustered
battered bellowed
scuttled bragged
panicked blurted