



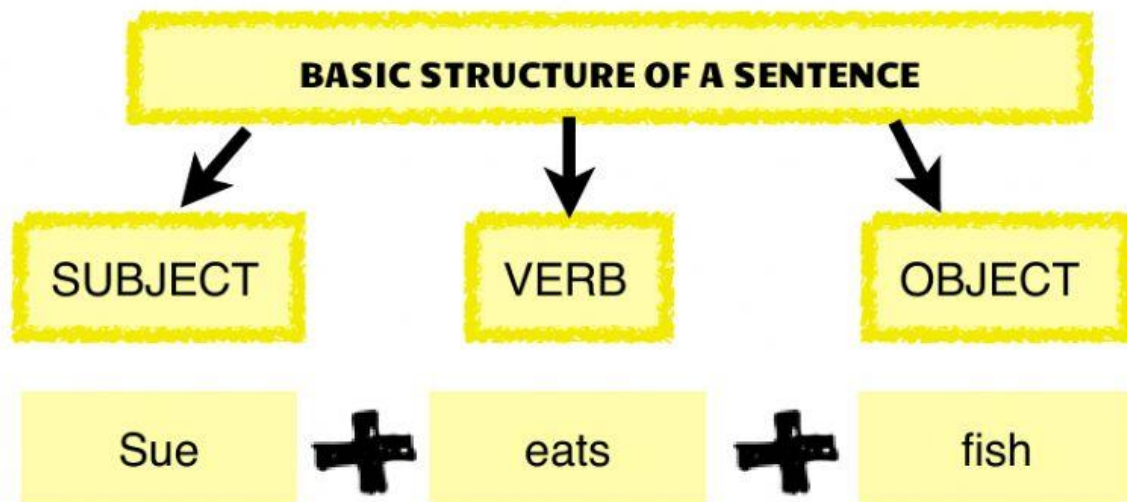
**Primary 5/6**

**Week 15**

**The Write Tribe**

# WAYS TO BEGIN SENTENCES





Rearrange the sentences below.

1.

SUBJECT                      VERB                      OBJECT

ate      James      a cake

2.

weekends      love      I

These are as simple as **ABC** ! Even my baby brother can write better than that ! There must be **OTHER** ways to start a sentence !



**Yes !**  
Here are the **3** alternate ways to begin a sentence.

**You can begin with**

Present Participles

Emotions

Adverbs

## Present Participles

Verb



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It describes an action in progress

E.g The children are **playing** in the playground.

It can be used to describe an action being done in the present or the past.

E.g They were **studying** in the classroom when the earthquake happened.

Convert the following actions (verbs) by adding - ing

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| 1. Reach   |  | 6. Shiver   |  |
| 2. Run     |  | 7. Sigh     |  |
| 3. Laugh   |  | 8. Yelp     |  |
| 4. Slither |  | 9. Clench   |  |
| 5. Snarl   |  | 10. Squelch |  |



Beginning a sentence with a present participle means putting the focus on the **ACTION** instead of the **PERSON** performing the action !



Regular sentence



**Darla** picked seashells as she walked on the beach.

The focus is on the **PERSON**

Sentences beginning with a PRESENT PARTICIPLE.



**Walking on the beach,** Darla picked seashells.

The focus is on the **ACTION**  
which is **walking on the beach**.

**Click the sentences that begin with a PRESENT PARTICIPLE**

1a. Clara picked a packet of milk as she walked past the dairy section.

1b. Walking past the dairy section, Clara picked a packet of milk.

2a. Clapping their hands in unison, everyone cheered for Candice.

2b. Everyone cheered for Candice by clapping their hands in unison.

3a. Vera hugged her knee and groaned in pain.

3b. Groaning in pain, Vera hugged her knee.

4a. Running as fast as lightning, Brock boarded the train.

4b. Brock boarded the train by running as fast as lightning.

5a. Sam flipped through the examination booklet while sweating profusely.

5b. Sweating profusely, Sam flipped through the examination booklet.



**Rewrite the following sentences. Start them with a PRESENT PARTICIPLE.**

1. Ellen heard someone call her name as she reached for the door.

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2. I managed to arrive in the nick of time because I ran as fast as lightning.

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3. Peppa sent mud flying everywhere when she squelched about in the muddy puddles.

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4. She leaned back on the rocking chair and sighed heavily.

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5. Buddy grabbed her injured foot while she yelped in pain.

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## Emotions

Beginning a sentence with an emotion means putting the focus on the **EMOTION** instead of the **PERSON** or the **ACTION** !



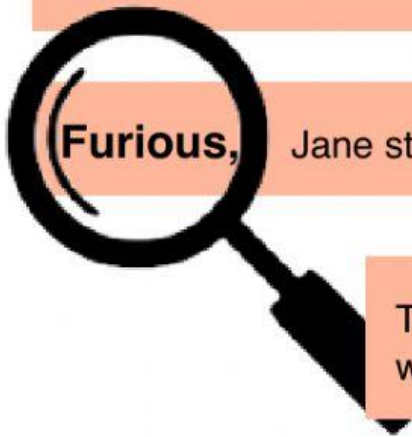
Regular sentence



**Jane** stomped out of the room because she was furious.

The focus is on the **PERSON**

Sentences beginning with an EMOTION.



**Furious,** Jane stomped out of the room.

The focus is on the **EMOTION** which is the word, **furious**.