

APPENDIX 3J

Tools for Creating Sentence Variety – Narrative Writing

Coordinating Conjunctions - and, but, for, nor, or, so, and yet

- Mr. Rabbit visited the garden every day, and then he hopped back home.
- Jacob baked the cookies, but he forgot to bring them to school the next day.
- Stop tormenting the dog, or he will bite you.

Adverb Clauses

- Before Baby Bear knew it, the heat and the hum of the forest lulled him to sleep.
- The baby robins, when they began to hatch, were ravenously hungry.
- Butterflies clutch the undersides of leaves as other animals battle the rising wind.

Adverb clauses usually begin with subordinating conjunctions:

TIME	CAUSE + EFFECT	OPPOSITION	CONDITION
<i>after</i>	<i>because</i>	<i>although</i>	<i>if</i>
<i>before</i>	<i>since</i>	<i>though</i>	<i>unless</i>
<i>when</i>	<i>now that</i>	<i>even though</i>	<i>only if</i>
<i>while</i>	<i>as</i>	<i>whereas</i>	<i>whether or not</i>
<i>since</i>	<i>in order that</i>	<i>while</i>	<i>even if</i>
<i>until</i>	<i>so</i>		<i>in case</i>
<i>as</i>			

Prepositional phrases

- With a gleeful cackle, the witch stirred brew round and round.
- Grandpa dropped his false teeth into a glass of prune juice and climbed into bed.
- But the wizard had already turned himself into a bird and fluttered away, out the window, over the trees, and past the castle.

Prepositional phrases begin with words like these:

<i>about</i>	<i>among</i>	<i>beside</i>	<i>except</i>	<i>like</i>	<i>out</i>	<i>under</i>
<i>across</i>	<i>around</i>	<i>between</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>near</i>	<i>outside</i>	<i>until</i>
<i>above</i>	<i>as</i>	<i>beyond</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>next</i>	<i>over</i>	<i>up</i>
<i>after</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>through</i>	<i>upon</i>
<i>against</i>	<i>behind</i>	<i>down</i>	<i>inside</i>	<i>off</i>	<i>past</i>	<i>with</i>
<i>along</i>	<i>below</i>	<i>during</i>	<i>into</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>without</i>

Adverbs with ly

- Nervously, I peered around the corner.
- His mother caressed him gently and crooned softly.

Participles and Participial Phrases – Present Tense

- Carrying a heavy pile of books, Matt tripped on the top step and lurched forward.
- The dog burst from the bushes, charging at the bear.
- A butterfly, tickling the breeze with gentle wings, floats like a flower on the wind.

Participles and Participial Phrases – Past Tense

- Exhausted, Alyson trudged home after a long day at work.
- David, surprised to get a phone call from his brother, was happy to hear his voice again.
- Hawk plunged to the ground, stunned by the arrow.

Multiple Verbs

- The wolf pups tugged at their mother's tail and chewed on her ears.
- Mary fed, watered, and herded her little lamb towards the pasture.
- Stanley dropped his backpack, flopped down on the couch, and sighed unhappily.

Appositives

- Max, the cat, gathered together everything he needed and built the perfect nest.
- An avid reader, Stuart searched for books by his favourite author.
- I picked up the kitten, a ball of fluff small enough to fit in my hand.

Paired Adjectives

- Sad and lonely, the young dragon lived a solitary existence.
- Deep in the woods the lynx crouched, still and silent.
- The child, alone and afraid, wandered through the woods.

Adjective Clauses

- Students who want to play tag should meet by the swings.
- The package that arrived this morning is on his desk.
- The mouse, whose eyes were darting all around, caught sight of the menacing creature lurking in the grass.
- I heard the announcement to gather at the speed-skating track for the last event of the day, which was the Men's 1000 meter race.