

Appendix 3K

Tools for Creating Sentence Variety – Informational Writing

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

- Terry Fox's efforts to run across Canada soon gained national attention, and people began to donate money to his cause.
- Terry Fox was in a lot of pain every day, but he continued to run a marathon each day to raise money for cancer research.

Prepositional phrases

- With its ability to accelerate from zero to 100k/h in three seconds, the cheetah is the fastest land animal on earth.
- Through persistence and hard work, Helen Keller overcame some very difficult conditions and grew into a respected and world-renowned speaker and writer.
- Cheetahs, unlike other big cats, cannot roar.
- Wayne Gretzky held 61 NHL records at the time of his retirement in 1999.

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>

Appositives

- A cheetah, the fastest land animal on earth, can accelerate from zero to 100k/hr in just three seconds.
- The second largest penguin species, the King Penguins have four layers of feathers to help keep them warm.
- In 1980 Terry Fox began the Marathon of Hope, a cross-country run to raise money for cancer research.

Adverb Clauses

- Even though he was in a lot of pain, Terry Fox continued to run a marathon every day.
- Cheetahs, when running, use their tails to steer, like a rudder for a boat.
- You may contract malaria if you are bitten by a mosquito in Africa.

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>			

Participles and Participial Phrases – Present Tense

- Accelerating from zero to 100k/hr in just three seconds, the cheetah is the fastest land animal on earth.
- In order to raise money for spinal cord research, Rick Hansen, traveling in a wheelchair, covered the equivalent of the distance around the world.

Participles and Participial Phrases – Past Tense

- Invented by Alexander Graham Bell in 1876, the telephone has changed history.
- Inspired by the example of his friend Terry Fox, Rick Hansen traveled, in a wheelchair, the equivalent of the distance around the world.
- Cockroaches, considered a pest by people, are commonly found in buildings and homes because they prefer warm environments close to food and water.

Adjective Clauses

- A volcano that has stopped erupting forever is called extinct.
- Skateboarding, which is a recreational activity, can also be considered an action sport or a method of transportation.
- Helen Keller grew into a respected and world-renowned activist who laboured for the betterment of others.