Stylistic Techniques Overview

Dress-Ups

Dress-ups should be a word within a sentence. They are NOT the first word in the sentence.

1. **Who-Which Clause** - a “Who/Which” adjective clause that helps to describe someone or something
2. - **LY** - an adverb ending in -ly
3. **Strong Verb** - a strong verb showing an action with a vivid word choice!
4. **Quality Adjective** - a quality adjective describing a noun vividly!
5. **When, while, where, as, since, if, although clause** (www.asia)
   - An adverbial clause in the middle of sentence - when, while, where, as, since, if, although!
   - Advanced Clausal words: **because, unless, before, after, whereas, until** (www.asia.buba.wu)

Advanced Dress-Ups:  * Dual (two!) adverbs, verbs, and adjectives  * Noun clauses
* Adverbial or adjectival “teeter-totters”  * Invisible “who-which” clause

**Indicator:** Highlight in yellow your dress-ups in each paragraph! 😊

And write the abbreviation for the dress-up in the right margin!

Sentence Openers

Sentence openers should be the first word of a sentence.

1. **Subject Opener**
2. **Prepositional Phrase Opener**
3. **-LY Adverb Opener**
4. **-ING Verb Opener**
   - The ING word must not be a noun! An “ing” word that serves as a noun is called a “Gerund”!
   - The ING word must be a verb with an “ING”!
   - The thing after the comma has to be the thing doing the “ING’ing”! 😊 Beware the dangling Participle!
   - **Example:** *Screaming*, the child fled from the malicious mad man.
5. **Clausal Opener** (www.asia)
   An adverbial clause opening a sentence - when, while, where, as, since, if, although
   **Advanced:** because, unless, before, after...and even wherever & until! (www.asia.buba.wu 😊)
6. **VSS - Very Short Sentence**
   Very short sentence of 2-5 words. Verb is most important, so use a strong one with punch! :-)  
7. **-ED Verb Opener**
   - The thing after the comma has to be the thing doing the “ED’ing”! 😊

**Indicator:** Write the number of your Sentence Opener in the white space of your left margin! 😊

**Please Note:**

Words such as **As, Since, Before After,** and **Until** are on BOTH the Preposition and the Clausal Word Lists!
They are “Double Agents”! You can tell the difference easily!
If the word is being used as a preposition in a prepositional phrase, there will be no verb!
If the word is being used as an adverb in a clause, there will be a verb!
Clauses have verbs! Phrases do not!
Decorations

1. Rhetorical Question
2. Quotation or Conversation
3. 3 – SSS (Three Short Staccato Sentences!)
4. Dramatic Opening or Closing
5. Simile or Metaphor
6. Alliteration

Advanced Decorations:

* Personification
* Apostrophe
* Assonance & Consonance
* Onomatopoeia

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Sentence Styles (Triple Extensions)

1. Word Repetition
2. Phrase and Clausal Repetition
3. Repeating “-ings,” consecutive or spaced
4. Repeating “-lys,” consecutive or spaced
5. Repeating Adjectives or Nouns
6. Repeating Verbs, consecutive or spaced

Indicator: Write “TRIP” in the white space of your left margin.

FANBOYS – a cute way to remember the coordinating conjunctions used to connect two independent clauses.
For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet, So