Sentence Openers

1. **Subject Opener**
   Begin sentence with noun or pronoun! An adjective or article -- a, an, the -- may precede the noun, of course! :-D

   Examples:
   (1) The **turtle** felt confident and challenged the hare to a race.
   (1) He was an odd, little man with a dark green suit.
   (1) It was a bleak, rainy morning the day he left for vacation.
   (1) **Blue boats** lazily floated down the river.

2. **Preposition Opener**
   Begin sentence with a Prepositional Phrase! See Preposition List for examples!

   Examples:
   (2) **At** five o'clock, we will call the radio station.
   (2) **Down** the winding path, the frightened bunny scurried.
   (2) **Of** all our pictures, the one taken at the beach is the best.
   (2) **With** much regret, the boy apologized to his mother for his behavior.

3. **"-ly" Adverb Opener**
   Begin sentence with any adverb! Most end in “-ly” but not all! See Adverb List for examples

   Examples:
   (3) **Calmly** the triumphant tortoise placed his foot over the finish line.
   (3) **Eagerly** the child chased the ice cream truck down the winding road.
   (3) **Nearly** all the ice cream melted before we got home from the store.
   (3) **Instantly** lightning struck a tall tree in their yard and set it ablaze.

4. **"-ing" Opener**
   Begin sentence with an “-ing” verb form & phrase followed by a comma and then an independent clause

   Examples:
   (4) **Rushing** down the forest path, the hiker didn't see the bear waiting for him.
   (4) **Calling** out loudly, the young child tried to find the lost puppy.
   (4) **Shrieking** with fear, Peter scrambled to evade the rabid wolf.

5. **Clausal Opener**
   Begin sentence with one of the Clausal Words! [www.asia.buba](http://www.asia.buba)
   when, while, where, as, since if, although, because , unless , before ,after

   Examples:
   (5) **When** we get home, I'll be ready for a nap!
   (5) **Where** there is a will, there is a way.
   (5) **Since** he could not find his car keys, he decided to walk home.
   (5) If we run fast enough, perhaps we can win the relay race.

6. **VSS**
   Very Short Sentence of five words or less! It’s a great technique for variety! VSS’s can also be categorized as other types of Sentence Openers!

   Examples:
   (1,6) **It's** time to go.  (3,6) **Hunggrily** he ate.
   (1,6) Don't **touch** that stove!  (2,6) **After** dinner he slept.
   (1,6) **What** a great idea!  (4,6) **Rushing** fearfully, he tripped.
   (1,6) **He** was amazed.  (5,6) **While** singing, he collapsed.

7. **"-ed" Opener**
   Begin sentence with an “-ed” verb form & phrase followed by a comma and then an independent clause

   Examples:
   (7) **Deceived** by the cunning fox, the crow fainted just before he ate her.
   (7) **Assured** of his victory, the proud runner stepped in a hole and lost.