

Varied Sentence Structure

- ① I can write fluent paragraphs using varied sentence complexity (Compound, Complex, and Compound-Complex Sentences).
- ① I can begin sentences using diverse word choice.

"Variety is the spice of life"

What are things that are good to have a variety of?

Jelly bean flavors, m & m colors, donuts, marker colors, daily schedules, etc.

Just like variety is good with foods, art, activities, etc., it's also good to vary sentence structure in your paragraphs and essays. Otherwise, your writing will get too dull or too complicated for your reader.

Today, you will learn how to vary sentence structure when you write your essays.

4 Types of Sentences

1. Simple: A simple sentence consists of a subject and a predicate. They are easy to write and understand. Too many simple sentences, however, produces choppy writing and simple thoughts and ideas.

Example: "The dog barked. "

2. Compound: A compound sentence contains two simple sentences joined by a comma and a conjunction.

Example: "The dog barked, and the cat yowled."

3. Complex: A complex sentence contains a simple sentence with clauses attached.

Example: "The dog that was in the street howled loudly."

4. Compound-Complex: As the name implies a compound-complex sentence combines a complex sentence with a simple sentence.

Example: "As the dog howled, one cat sat on the fence, and the other licked its paws."

Monotonous Cinderella Activity

1. How many words are there in each sentence?
2. Make a list of the first word of each sentence. Tally the number of time the same first word is repeated (Cinderella, she, they, her, etc.)

ABC Cinderella Activity

Every sentence starts with a different letter of the alphabet. The sentences begin with different parts of speech. The different parts of speech helps vary the sentence structure.



With a partner, re-write the
Monotonous Cinderella fairytale with
VARIED sentence structure.

What strategies will you use to make sure your persuasive essay has varied sentences?

- Use different types of sentences.
- Combine short sentences.
- Expand sentences by adding words and phrases.
- Vary sentence beginnings.