Sentence starters and useful vocabulary

6 styles of writing
- Diary writing
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20 great sentence starters for a 7 - 11 year old
- As . . .
- As I see it . . .
- Despite the fact that . . .
- Even though . . .
- Finally . . .
- For example . . .
- Furthermore . . .
- In addition . . .
- In conclusion . . .
- In general . . .
- In my view . . .
- In spite of . . .
- I would like to . . .
- Meanwhile . . .
- Moreover . . .
- So . . .
- Subsequently . . .
- Therefore . . .
- Whilst . . .
1) Diary writing

Some words and phrases to start a diary sentence with:
- Hopefully
- Fortunately
- Unfortunately
- Luckily
- Unluckily
- Thankfully
- Lately
- Recently
- For once
- Anyway

Conversational manner with ‘speech like phrases’
- By the way . . .
- To tell you the truth . . .
- I must tell you about . . .
- You’ll never guess what happened?
- Right now I’m . . .
- You will never believe it but . . .
- I hope that . . .
- To be honest . . .
- I imagine that . . .
- I should have told you that . . .
- I have been looking forward to . . .
- I am looking forward to . . . (I am not looking forward to . . .)
- I am worried about . . . (I am not worried about . . .)
- I was looking forward to . . .
- I expect that . . .
- I think that . . .
- I don’t expect
- You know what?
- The best bit is . . . (The best bit was . . .)
- The worst part is . . . (The worst part was . . .)
2) Information texts (non-chronological reports)

Some useful sentence starters for information texts

- _____ are . . .
- _____ is . . .
- They are . . .
- They are also . . .
- They like to . . .
- They don’t like . . .
- They avoid . . . because . . .
- They don’t . . .
- It doesn’t . . .
- They can . . .
- It can . . .
- Instead they . . .
- In addition, . . .
- Usually . . .
- As a rule . . .
- They can be . . .
- They are usually . . . (It is usually . . .)
- They are rarely . . . (It is rarely . . .)
- They are never . . . (It is never . . .)
- They are a very . . . (It is a very . . .)
- Like many . . .
- Unlike . . .
- This is a . . .
- Sometimes . . .
- Often . . .
- Frequently they . . .
- Be careful if you . . .
- More than half . . .
- Less than half . . .
- Most
3) Instructions and procedures

- First . . .
- First of all . . .
- To start with . . .
- Firstly . . .
- Next . . .
- After . . .
- Afterwards . . .
- After that . . .
- When . . .
- At this point . . .
- Lastly . . .
- Finally . . .

More advanced language constructions

- To begin with . . .
- Begin by . . .
- Secondly . . .
- The next step is to . . .
- Continue by . . .
- Carry on . . .
- Do this until . . .
- Stop when . . .
- When you have done this . . .
- Try to . . .
- Try not to . . .
- Avoid . . .
- Don’t forget to . . .
- Be careful of . . .
- Don’t worry about . . .
- Concentrate on . . .
- Focus on . . .
- Try to make sure that . . .
• Whatever you do, don’t . . .
• I would suggest that . . .
• To conclude . . .
• Before . . . remember to . . .
• Whilst you are . . .
• Use the time you are waiting to . . .

4) Invitations

Polite directives
• Please come to . . .
• It will be . . .
• It will take place at . . .
• It starts at . . .
• It finishes at . . .
• I am having a party because . . .
• I’m looking forward to . . .

More advanced language constructions
• I would like to invite you to . . .
• During the afternoon we will be . . .
• At two O’ clock there will be . . .
• There will also be . . .
• The easiest way to get here is . . .
• At around . . .
• I think that . . .
• I expect that . . .
• The thing I am looking forward to most is . . .
• If you would like you can . . .
• It would be good if . . .
• I hope that you will . . .
• Try to/try not to . . .
• Don’t forget to . . .
• If it’s okay with you . . .
• If you can remember to . . .
Ten time connectives
- First of all
- Later
- Afterwards
- After that
- Next, we will . . .
- Soon after
- At about . . .
- Following that
- Finally
- At the end of the afternoon/evening

5) Narratives

Words/phrases signifying the passage of time
- Instantly
- Immediately
- Just at that moment
- Before long
- So
- Presently
- Soon
- Later
- Afterwards
- After a while
- Much later
- At last
- Next day
- The next evening
- Eventually
- Towards nightfall
- At dawn
- At dusk
- As the sun set
- Simultaneously
- Finally

**Words/phrases to change the focus of the story**
- Suddenly
- Meanwhile
- Not far away
- Some distance away
- While
- During

6) **Recounts**

**Useful language constructions**
- Last week we . . .
- First . . .
- Next . . .
- After . . .
- Afterwards . . .
- After that . . .
- When . . .
- Suddenly . . .
- Just then . .
- Soon . . .
- Meanwhile . . .
- Finally . . .
- So
- Later on
- Before long
- Next
- Moments later
- Seconds later
- Much later
- Within minutes
- At that very moment
• At precisely
• Presently
• In a flash
• When this was complete . . .
• Eventually

**More advanced language constructions**
• To begin with . . .
• Before long . . .
• Eventually . . .
• As it happened . .
• As a result of . . .
• Consequently . . .
• Subsequently . . .

**Evidence of viewpoint**
• I found it interesting when . . .
• My favourite activity was . . .
• It was funny when . . .
• I liked the part when . . .
• I didn’t enjoy . . .
• The best part was . . .
• The worst part was . . .
• I was surprised that . . .
• I was pleased that . . .
• I didn’t expect that . . .
• It was difficult to . . .