

Sentence Frames

Sentence frames can help you improve your writing. Use at least two of the following sentence frames in your writing.

Compound Sentences

A compound sentence is formed when two independent clauses are joined together by a coordinating conjunction, such as *and*, *but*, *or*, *yet*, *so*. Here are examples of compound sentence frames.

1. *Because of Winn Dixie* says Opal _____, and *Owen and Mzee* also says Owen _____.
2. *Because of Winn Dixie* says Opal _____, but *Amos and Boris* says Amos _____.
3. Opal _____, and she _____.
4. Opal _____, but she _____.
5. Opal _____, so she _____.
6. At first, Opal _____, but then she _____.

Choosing Words and Phrases for Effect

Writers choose words and phrases that will create a sensory-rich experience for their readers. They are aware of the power and effect of language choices. Writers may use figurative language to create this effect, or they may choose specific nouns, adjectives, and verbs to create an effect for the reader. Look at the following examples from *Because of Winn Dixie*. Identify all the parts of speech in each sentence below:

1. I looked around the room at all the different faces, and I felt my heart swell up inside me with pure happiness.
2. Outside, the rain had stopped and the clouds had gone away and the sky was so clear that it seemed like I could see every star ever made.
3. Otis laughed and strummed his guitar, and the flavor of the Littmus Lozenge opened in my mouth like a flower blooming, all sweet and sad.

Sentence Challenge

Use the following mentor sentences from texts in this lesson to create similar sentences in your writing.

Mentor Sentence

“But they were all singing now and laughing, and Winn Dixie was snoring.”

Sentence Frame

"But Opal was _____ and _____, and _____ was _____."