

Advanced Sentence Variety Worksheet

Advanced C1-C2 · Side A

Name: _____ Date: _____ Score: / 20

Exercise A · Identify the sentence opening type (Q1-5)

Label each opening.

Options: subject-first / adverbial / participial / inverted / there/it construction

1. *Exhausted from the long journey, she fell asleep immediately.* -> _____
2. *Rarely had they encountered such resistance.* -> _____
3. *There are several factors to consider.* -> _____
4. *By the end of the decade, attitudes had shifted significantly.* -> _____
5. *The report confirmed what many had suspected.* -> _____

Exercise B · True or False (Q6-10)

Write T (true) or F (false).

6. Varying sentence openings makes writing more engaging.
Answer: _____
7. All good writers start every sentence with the subject.
Answer: _____
8. A participial phrase at the start of a sentence adds concision.
Answer: _____
9. Short sentences can be used for dramatic effect.
Answer: _____
10. Long, complex sentences are always better than short ones.
Answer: _____

Advanced Sentence Variety Worksheet - Side B

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Exercise C · Rewrite with a different sentence opening (Q11-14)

Use the type given.

11. She had worked all night, so she was exhausted. (participial opening)

-> _____

12. They had never seen anything like it. (inverted)

-> _____

13. We need to consider several factors. (there/it opening)

-> _____

14. The meeting ended at noon, after hours of debate. (adverbial opening)

-> _____

Exercise D · Multiple choice (Q15-17)

Choose the most varied and effective rewrite.

15. 'She was cold so she put on a coat.' Best version:

(a) She being cold, she put on a coat. (b) Feeling cold, she put on a coat. (c) Cold she put on a coat.

16. 'He never told anyone.' Best inverted version:

(a) Never he told anyone. (b) Never did he tell anyone. (c) Never anyone he told.

17. Best short sentence for impact after a long one:

(a) And it worked, which was good. (b) It worked. (c) It did work, yes.

Exercise E · Write your own varied sentences (Q18-20)

Use a different sentence opening for each.

18. Begin with a participial phrase ->

-> _____

19. Begin with an adverbial phrase ->

-> _____

20. Use inversion for emphasis ->

-> _____

Answer Sheet - Advanced Sentence Variety Worksheet

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Exercise A - Identify the sentence opening type

Q1-5

1. participial
2. inverted
3. there/it construction
4. adverbial
5. subject-first

Exercise B - True or False

Q6-10

6. T
7. F
8. T
9. T
10. F

Exercise C - Rewrite with a different sentence opening

Q11-14

11. Having worked all night, she was exhausted.
12. Never had they seen anything like it.
13. There are several factors to consider.
14. After hours of debate, the meeting ended at noon.

Exercise D - Multiple choice

Q15-17

15. Feeling cold, she put on a coat.
16. Never did he tell anyone.
17. It worked.

Exercise E - Write your own varied sentences

Q18-20

18. (own answer)
19. (own answer)
20. (own answer)

Total: 20 points | Side A: Q1-10 | Side B: Q11-20