

# SENTENCE OPENERS

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TYPE	SENTENCE OPENERS	
 <b>TIME</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First, ...</li> <li>• Next, ...</li> <li>• Then, ...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After that, ...</li> <li>• Meanwhile, ...</li> <li>• Finally, ...</li> </ul>
 <b>LOCATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nearby, ...</li> <li>• In the distance, ...</li> <li>• On the other side, ...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Here, ...</li> <li>• Beyond, ...</li> <li>• At the top of, ...</li> </ul>
 <b>MANNER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carefully, ...</li> <li>• Suddenly, ...</li> <li>• Slowly, ...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Without warning, ...</li> <li>• With great care, ...</li> <li>• Hesitantly, ...</li> </ul>
 <b>FEELING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I felt ...</li> <li>• Overwhelmed, ...</li> <li>• Frustrated, ...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excited, ...</li> <li>• Nervous, ...</li> <li>• Relieved, ...</li> </ul>
 <b>OPINION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In my opinion, ...</li> <li>• I believe ...</li> <li>• To me, ...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It seems to me that ...</li> <li>• From my perspective, ...</li> <li>• Personally, ...</li> </ul>
 <b>EVIDENCE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For example, ...</li> <li>• For instance, ...</li> <li>• According to ..., ...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The text states that ...</li> <li>• Research shows ...</li> <li>• This proves that ...</li> </ul>
 <b>CONTRAST</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• However, ...</li> <li>• On the other hand, ...</li> <li>• In contrast, ...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unlike ..., ...</li> <li>• While ..., ...</li> <li>• Although ..., ...</li> </ul>
 <b>CAUSE &amp; EFFECT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Because ...</li> <li>• As a result, ...</li> <li>• Therefore, ...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to ..., ...</li> <li>• Consequently, ...</li> <li>• This led to ..., ...</li> </ul>



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Use a variety of openers to make your writing interesting and engaging.