


SENTENCE OPENERS CHECKLIST

Name: _____

Date: _____

TYPE OF OPENER	EXAMPLES	I USED IT	VARIED MY OPENERS
 TIME When something happens.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Later that day, ... • Suddenly, ... • After a while, ... 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 PLACE Where something happens.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the distance, ... • Beyond the hills, ... • Inside the room, ... 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 SPEAKING Start with someone talking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "I can't believe ..." • "Watch out!" • "What are you doing?" 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 THOUGHT / FEELING Show what someone is thinking or feeling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I wondered ... • I felt ... • It seemed that ... 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 ACTION Begin with an action.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Running as fast as ... • Gripping the reins, ... • With a deep breath, ... 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 DESCRIPTION Paint a picture for your reader.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sun blazed ... • A thick fog covered ... • The room was silent ... 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 EMPHASIS Make your point stand out.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly, ... • Without a doubt, ... • Most importantly, ... 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 QUESTION Begin with a question.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you ever ...? • What would happen if ...? • Why did ...? 	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>


 **SELF-CHECK**

I used a strong opening for each paragraph.

I varied my sentence openers.

My writing grabs the reader's attention.

I am proud of: _____

 **PEER CHECK**

My partner used strong openers.

My partner varied their sentence openers.

Their writing grabs the reader's attention.

Helpful feedback: _____

★ GREAT WRITING STARTS WITH STRONG OPENERS!