

## Stylistic Techniques

### I. Dress-Ups

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

*Indicator:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Minimum Rule:* \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Sentence Openers

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| ② _____ | ⑤ _____ |
| ③ _____ | ⑥ _____ |

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*Minimum Rule:* \_\_\_\_\_

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### III. Decorations – one per paragraph

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## Banned Verbs: GO/WENT and COME/CAME

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|-----------|-----------|------------|---------|---------------|
| advance   | flounder  | rocket     | trample | <b>Move</b>   |
| amble     | flow      | rush       | travel  | blow          |
| arise     | flutter   | sail       | trek    | convulse      |
| ascend    | fly       | sashay     | trip    | crash         |
| billow    | follow    | saunter    | trot    | flop          |
| blunder   | forge     | scamper    | trudge  | hover         |
| bob       | furl      | scroll     | tumble  | jiggle        |
| bolt      | gallop    | scuttle    | twirl   | jostle        |
| bounce    | glide     | shuffle    | twist   | jump          |
| bound     | gush      | sink       | veer    | lash          |
| burst     | hurry     | slither    | waltz   | oscillate     |
| careen    | hustle    | sneak      | wander  | pulsate       |
| cartwheel | jolt      | soar       | wave    | quake         |
| cascade   | journey   | sojourn    | whirl   | quiver        |
| charge    | lag       | somersault | whisk   | revolve       |
| climb     | leap      | spill      | whiz    | roll          |
| coast     | loop      | spiral     | whoosh  | rotate        |
| coil      | lope      | spring up  | worm    | shake         |
| continue  | lumber    | sprint     | zigzag  | shift         |
| crawl     | lurch     | sprout     | zoom    | shiver        |
| creep     | maneuver  | spurt      |         | shudder       |
| cross     | meander   | stagger    |         | spin          |
| crusade   | mosey     | stoop      |         | squirm        |
| dance     | mount     | storm      |         | stir          |
| dart      | parade    | stream     |         | sway          |
| dash      | pelt      | stride     |         | swerve        |
| depart    | pirouette | stroll     |         | throb         |
| descend   | pivot     | strut      |         | toss and turn |
| dip       | plod      | stumble    |         | tremble       |
| dive      | plow      | surge      |         | trill         |
| dribble   | plummet   | sweep      |         | twitch        |
| drift     | plunge    | swerve     |         | vibrate       |
| drive     | plunk     | swirl      |         | whip          |
| droop     | pour      | swoop      |         | whish         |
| drop      | prance    | take off   |         | wiggle        |
| drudge    | press on  | teeter     |         | wobble        |
| exit      | proceed   | thump      |         | wriggle       |
| flee      | progress  | tiptoe     |         |               |
| float     | race      | topple     |         |               |
| flock     | retreat   | tour       |         |               |
| flop      | ripple    | trail      |         |               |

## Banned Verbs: SAY/SAID

accuse  
acknowledge  
add  
admit  
admonish  
advise  
affirm  
agree  
allege  
announce  
apologize  
assert  
babble  
bargain  
bawl  
beg  
begin  
bellow  
boom  
beseech  
bemoan  
blast  
boast  
cackle  
caution  
challenge  
chant  
charge  
chime  
chorus  
chuckle  
chide  
cite  
clamor  
claim  
coax  
command  
comment  
complain  
concede  
concur  
confess  
confide  
confirm  
continue  
contradict  
contest  
cry

debate  
decide  
declare  
decree  
demand  
deny  
denounce  
describe  
dictate  
disagree  
dispute  
drone  
echo  
elaborate  
emphasize  
encourage  
exclaim  
explode  
flatter  
foretell  
fume  
gasp  
giggle  
go on  
greet  
grieve  
groan  
grumble  
hail  
howl  
imply  
implore  
infer  
inform  
inquire  
insist  
instruct  
insult  
interrogate  
jabber  
jeer  
lament  
lie  
lash out

mention  
mimic  
moan  
moralize  
murmur  
mutter  
nag  
notify  
object  
oppose  
pant  
persist  
plead  
pledge  
pout  
pray  
propose  
protest  
query  
question  
quiz  
ramble  
rant  
rave  
rebuke  
recite  
recount  
refute  
remark  
remind  
repeat  
reply  
report  
ridicule  
roar  
scoff  
scold  
scowl  
screach  
serenade  
shout  
shriek  
sigh  
sing

snap  
snarl  
sneer  
snicker  
sob  
squawk  
stammer  
state  
stress  
stutter  
submit  
suggest  
sulk  
summon  
swear  
tattle  
taunt  
tease  
threaten  
thunder  
urge  
vent  
voice  
volunteer  
vow  
wail  
warn  
weep  
whimper  
whine  
whisper  
yak  
yell

### Animal

caw  
cluck  
cackle  
chirp  
croak  
bleat  
moo  
whinny  
squawk  
screech  
hiss  
roar  
neigh  
yap

### Sing

belt out  
chirp  
entertain  
fill the air  
perform  
serenade  
solo  
trill  
warble  
with music

### Add Your Own

## Banned Verbs: GET/GOT

### Get/Got

acquire  
capture  
earn  
seize  
receive  
realize  
attain  
pocket  
reap  
procure  
grab  
snatch  
purchase  
steal  
collect  
gain  
achieve  
reach  
profit  
secure  
gather  
glean  
entrap  
fetch  
obtain

### As in “Get There”

enter  
appear  
show up  
turn up  
return  
approach  
join  
intrude  
burst in  
infiltrate  
invade  
arrive  
*(also see go/went)*

### As in “Get out of Bed”

bounce  
climb  
fall  
spring  
fly  
roll

### As in “Get an Idea”

comprehend  
grasp  
realize  
catch on  
apprehend  
fathom  
figure out  
perceive  
discover  
understand

### Add Your Own

## Banned Verbs: SEE/LOOK

### See/Look

be aware of  
 behold  
 check out  
 detect  
 discover  
 examine  
 explore  
 eye  
 find  
 gape  
 gawk  
 gaze  
 glance  
 glare  
 glimpse  
 inspect  
 keep an eye on  
 monitor  
 notice  
 observe  
 peek  
 peep  
 peer  
 scrutinize  
 search  
 spot  
 spy  
 stare  
 study  
 survey  
 take note of  
 view  
 watch  
 witness

### Options meaning “look for”

canvass  
 forage  
 hunt for  
 pursue  
 ransack  
 rummage  
 scavenge  
 scour  
 scout  
 scrounge  
 sweep  
 track down  
 trail

### Add Your Own



## Odds and Ends

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| <p><u>Adverb Clause Starters</u></p> | <p><u>Title Rule</u></p> |
| <p><u>Topic/Clincher Rule</u></p>    |                          |

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## Limeys

English sailors were once called “limeys.” You see, about two hundred years ago, many of them were getting a disease called scurvy. Then a doctor discovered that giving sailors lime juice every day prevented the disease. English ships started carrying barrels of limes. The sailors drank the lime juice, so they were nicknamed “limeys.” Today we know that it was the vitamin C in the limes that helped the sailors. Today we also know about thirteen different vitamins that help keep us healthy.



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# -ly Adverb List

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absentmindedly  
 actually  
 affectionately  
 anxiously  
 arrogantly  
 bashfully  
 beautifully  
 bravely  
 brightly  
 briskly  
 broadly  
 calmly  
 certainly  
 clearly  
 cleverly  
 closely  
 coaxingly  
 commonly  
 continually  
 coolly  
 correctly  
 crossly  
 curiously  
 dearly  
 deceivingly  
 delightfully  
 desperately  
 diligently  
 dreamily  
 enormously  
 especially  
 evenly  
 exactly  
 excitedly  
 extremely  
 fairly  
 famously  
 ferociously  
 fervently  
 foolishly  
 frankly  
 frantically  
 freely  
 frenetically  
 frightfully  
 fully

furiously  
 generally  
 generously  
 gently  
 gleefully  
 gratefully  
 greatly  
 greedily  
 happily  
 helpfully  
 helplessly  
 highly  
 hopelessly  
 immediately  
 incredibly  
 innocently  
 instantly  
 intently  
 intensely  
 inwardly  
 kindly  
 knowingly  
 lightly  
 likely  
 longingly  
 loudly  
 madly  
 meaningfully  
 mechanically  
 miserably  
 mockingly  
 mostly  
 naturally  
 nearly  
 neatly  
 nicely  
 openly  
 partially  
 patiently  
 playfully  
 positively  
 potentially  
 powerfully  
 properly  
 quickly  
 quietly

quintessentially  
 ravenously  
 readily  
 reassuringly  
 reluctantly  
 reproachfully  
 restfully  
 righteously  
 rightfully  
 rigidly  
 safely  
 scarcely  
 searchingly  
 sedately  
 seemingly  
 separately  
 sharply  
 sheepishly  
 softly  
 solidly  
 strictly  
 successfully  
 surprisingly  
 suspiciously  
 sympathetically  
 tenderly  
 terribly  
 thankfully  
 thoroughly  
 thoughtfully  
 tightly  
 tremendously  
 triumphantly  
 truly  
 unfortunately  
 usually  
 utterly  
 vastly  
 viciously  
 violently  
 warmly  
 wholly  
 wildly  
 willfully  
 wisely  
 wonderfully

Add your own here:

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Some impostors -  
 "ly" adjectives

|          |         |
|----------|---------|
| chilly   | orderly |
| friendly | prickly |
| ghastly  | queenly |
| ghostly  | surly   |
| holy     | ugly    |
| kingly   | worldly |
| knightly | wrinkly |
| lonely   |         |
| lovely   |         |

## Adverbs for Essays: A Handy List

pink

| To show importance  | To show how likely  | To show how often  | To show emotion   |
|---|---|--|---|
| significantly<br>fundamentally<br>substantially<br>essentially<br>primarily<br>absolutely<br>relatively<br>seriously<br>distinctly<br>utterly<br>notably<br>typically<br>positively | presumably<br>predictably<br>probably<br>undeniably<br>normally<br>tentatively<br>willingly<br>assuredly<br>strictly<br>possibly<br>obviously<br>evidently<br>surely<br>clearly | in/frequently<br>continuously<br>increasingly<br>occasionally<br>repeatedly<br>regularly<br>normally<br>constantly<br>slowly<br>confidently<br>gradually<br>usually<br>steadily<br>suddenly<br>abruptly<br>hastily<br>immediately<br>directly<br>generally | un/happily<br>sadly<br>tragically<br>stubbornly<br>eagerly<br>wistfully<br>un/fortunately<br>in/conveniently<br>proudly<br>carefully<br>hopefully<br>mournfully<br>wistfully<br>willfully |

| Common   | To Show Sequence                                      |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|
| easily<br>dramatically<br>virtually<br>suddenly<br>simply<br>silently<br>naturally<br>foolishly<br>marvelously | <b><u>AVOID</u></b><br>firstly<br>secondly<br>thirdly | <b><u>SOMETIMES USE</u></b><br>formerly<br>previously<br>progressively<br>consequently<br>presently<br>sequentially | <b><u>CHOOSE</u></b><br>initially<br>eventually<br>ultimately<br>originally<br>effectively<br>finally<br>subsequently<br>immediately<br>recently<br>currently<br>simultaneously<br>concurrently |

## Booklice

Booklice are tiny insects that eat mold and mildew in old books and on papers and maps. They also crawl around on floors, bookshelves, windowsills, and walls looking for dead insect bodies, bits of cereal, and the glue that is used to hang wallpaper. A booklouse is usually less than three millimeters long. But don't just look for booklice. Listen for them too. The female attracts a male by rubbing a knob on her body against a piece of paper or along another flat surface. So if you should ever hear faint creaking or light tapping noises on the library shelves, you won't be hearing things. The place is just "alive" with booklice.

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### The Crow and the Peacocks

One day a crow was flying over the king's palace. She looked down into the garden and saw a flock of peacocks with their pretty feathers spread out behind them. "My plain black feathers are so ugly," she said. So she went down and picked up as many stray feathers as she could find and attached them to her tail. Dressed in her borrowed feathers, the crow went into the garden with the peacocks. They saw right away that she was an imposter, not at all like them. "How funny you look," they said. Then they pecked at her until she flew away.

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