



Bayview High

Taking the Lead Chapter 5: Tough Questions

Working with Words—Creating Interesting Sentence Beginnings

Sentences typically begin with the subject:

For example: The thief crept into the apartment and stole the DVD player.

Sentence variety can add life and interest to the writing. One way is to include sentences that begin with something other than the subject.

For example: After the thief crept into the apartment, he stole the DVD player.

Creeping into the apartment, the thief stole the DVD player.

Into the apartment, the thief crept before he stole the DVD player.

Change these sentence beginnings to make them more interesting.

1. She hunted everywhere for Marly, even checking the parking lot.

2. Marly smiled and looked at her suspiciously.

3. You asked me where I've been and what time I got home.

4. Autumn was speechless when her sister was done.

5. Rehearsal was in the music room after school, as usual.
