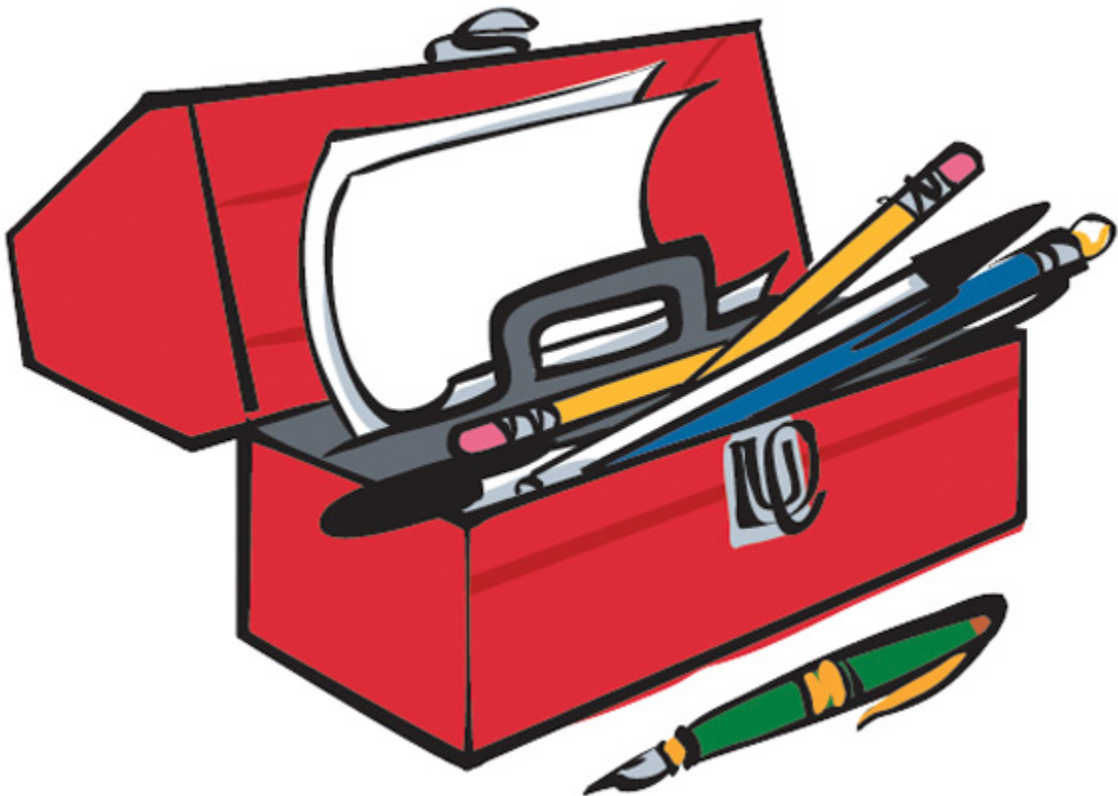


Writer's Toolkit



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Sentence Openers

1. **subject (noun)** starts with a subject or has a subject near the beginning of the sentence

Example:

A **frog** began to leap across the lily pads.

He was a quaint little man with a strange green suit.

A **powerful tiger** was slinking through the forest.

A **girl** ate her breakfast.

Hannah played the trumpet.

2. **preposition** words that introduce phrases that always contain either a noun or a pronoun (use your list of prepositions to help you)

Example:

Behind Jim, a little girl hid from the crowd.

After Marco arrived, we walked over to the store.

Inside the tunnel, we could hear a growling sound.

Past those tall, evergreen trees, you should find the castle.

3. **–ly** an “ly” adverb can be used to open a sentence (use your list of “ly” adverbs to help you find a suitable adverb).

Example:

Quietly, the band began to march up the street.

Suddenly, everything was dark.

4. **–ing** a verb with an “ing” suffix (ending) can be used to open a sentence.

Example:

Dripping with sweat, the last runner crossed the finish line.

5. **–ed** a verb with an “ing” suffix (ending) can be used to open a sentence.

Example:

Frustrated, the girl decided to ask for help.

Exhausted by the heat, I took a nap.

Locked outside the door, she threw a fit.

Tired of asking, he found the answer himself.

Frightened by the thunderstorm, the dog ran behind the couch.

6. **www.asia** (when, while, where, as, since, if, although)

Use any of the clausal starter words ([www.asia](#)) to start a sentence (when, where, while, as, since, although, if).

Example:

When the sun came up, we made our way to the forest.

While they were away, I decided to pick some blueberries.

Where did I put those books?

As I danced, I could feel the eyes of the crowd on me.

Since it was my last bite, I savoured every bit of it.

If I am going to go to the show, I need to get ready now.

Although I wanted chocolate, I settled for vanilla.

7. **vss** (very short sentence)

Example:

Put that away!

Who did it?

I could not believe it.

Wow!

Oh. My. Goodness.

Dress-Ups

1. **who - which** (adjective clause)

Example:

The local pine trees, **which** are infested with the pine beetle, will all die.

The man down the street, **who** is very old, still runs once a day.

2. **-ly** (adverb)

Example:

The cat **slowly** crept towards the bird.

The bird **safely** flew away.

3. **because** (adverb clause)

Example:

The children could hardly contain their excitement **because** the field trip was not cancelled.

Because the trip was not cancelled, the children could hardly contain their excitement.

4. **strong verb**

Example:

The car ~~drove~~ down the road. WEAK!

The car **screached** down the road. STRONG!

5. **quality adjectives / dual adjectives**

Example:

~~The fog lifted and the mountains emerged.~~

What kind of mountains?

The fog lifted and the **towering, snow-capped** mountains emerged.

Much better!

6. **www.asia clause** (when, while, where, as since, if, although)

Example:

The moon could still be seen **while** the fog began to cover the land.

The ropes need to be pulled in **when** we shove off from the dock.

I want to go on a holiday **where** it is warm and sunny.

You will need to pack **although** we may not leave for several days.

We need to study **since** the test is in three days.

I would really like it **if** you could join me.

As much as we didn't want to, we had to say goodbye.

Decorations

1. **questions**

>> to make the reader stop and think, build suspense, or create a moment of doubt

Example:

Didn't I see Jeff yesterday?

What would happen if I pushed the red button?

2. **conversations/dialogue**

>> helps reveal the character

Example:

"I would really like to help you," Janice said warmly.

Wanting to deceive his friends, Derek replied, "I know where Jane is."

3. **3vss**

>> adds a different kind of flow to your writing

>> good for dramatic effect or emphasis

Example:

She picked up the note. She read it. She cried.

Oh. My. Goodness. I was speechless.

The lake was still. It was peaceful. It was quiet.

4. **dramatic opening and/or closing**

>> helps build anticipation

>> begin and end with the reader wanting more

Example:

Everything was dark.

I heard a noise from the other room.

That was the last time I saw John.

5. ***simile - metaphor***

>> helps paint a picture in readers' minds

>> a ***simile*** compares two things using *like* or *as*.

>> a ***metaphor*** compares two things as being the same.

Example:

SIMILE You are **as** sweet **as** sugar.

SIMILE I slept **like** a log.

METAPHOR I'm feeling a rollercoaster of emotions.

METAPHOR His fist is solid steel.

*Note: Metaphors aren't literal. They compare two different things because they have something in common.

I'm feeling a rollercoaster of emotions.

This person's emotions aren't actually on a rollercoaster. This person is feeling many different emotions: a rollercoaster goes up, down, and loops around. Maybe this person is feeling happy, sad, and confused all at once.

His fist is solid steel.

This man's fist is not made of actual steel. Both steel and this man's fists are very strong.

6. ***alliteration***

>> adds variety and interest

>> can be fun and challenging to read out loud

>> an ***alliteration*** is a group of three or more words that begin with the same sound

Example:

Eric's eagle eats eggs.

Fred's friends fried Fritos for Friday's food.

Hannah's home has heat hopefully.

*Note: Every word in the sentence does not need to begin with the same sound.

Becky slipped slowly and silently across the room. STILL AN ALLITERATION.

List of Prepositions

- aboard
- about
- above
- across
- after
- against
- along
- amid
- among
- anti
- around
- as
- at
- before
- behind
- below
- beneath
- beside
- besides
- between
- beyond
- but
- by
- concerning
- considering
- despite
- down
- during
- except
- excepting
- excluding
- following
- for
- from
- in
- inside
- into
- like
- minus
- near
- of
- off
- on
- onto
- opposite
- outside
- over
- past
- per
- plus
- regarding
- round
- save
- since
- than
- through
- to
- toward
- towards
- under
- underneath
- unlike
- until
- up
- upon
- versus
- via
- with
- within
- without

List of Adjectives

Appearance

adorable	colorful	graceful	quaint
adventurous	crowded	grotesque	shiny
aggressive	cute	handsome	smoggy
alert	dark	homely	sparkling
attractive	drab	light	spotless
average	distinct	long	stormy
beautiful	dull	magnificent	strange
blue-eyed	elegant	misty	ugly
bloody	excited	motionless	ugliest
blushing	fancy	muddy	unsightly
bright	filthy	old-fashioned	unusual
clean	glamorous	plain	wide-eyed
clear	gleaming	poised	
cloudy	gorgeous	precious	

Condition

alive	dead	inexpensive	sleepy
annoying	different	innocent	super
bad	difficult	inquisitive	talented
better	doubtful	modern	tame
beautiful	easy	mushy	tender
brainy	expensive	odd	tough
breakable	famous	open	uninterested
busy	fragile	outstanding	vast
careful	frail	poor	wandering
cautious	gifted	powerful	wild
clever	helpful	prickly	wrong
clumsy	helpless	puzzled	
concerned	horrible	real	
crazy	important	rich	
curious	impossible	shy	

Feelings (Bad)

angry	anxious	ashamed	bad
annoyed	arrogant	awful	bewildered

Feelings (Bad)

black	disgusted	hurt	scary
blue	disturbed	ill	selfish
bored	dizzy	itchy	sore
clumsy	dull	jealous	tense
combative	embarrassed	jittery	terrible
condemned	envious	lazy	testy
confused	evil	lonely	thoughtless
crazy, flipped-out	fierce	mysterious	tired
creepy	foolish	nasty	troubled
cruel	frantic	naughty	upset
dangerous	frightened	nervous	uptight
defeated	grieving	nutty	weary
defiant	grumpy	obnoxious	wicked
depressed	helpless	outrageous	worried
	homeless	panicky	
	hungry	repulsive	

Feelings (Good)

agreeable	encouraging	happy	proud
amused	energetic	healthy	relieved
brave	enthusiastic	helpful	silly
calm	excited	hilarious	smiling
charming	exuberant	jolly	splendid
cheerful	fair	joyous	successful
comfortable	faithful	kind	thankful
cooperative	fantastic	lively	thoughtful
courageous	fine	lovely	victorious
delightful	friendly	lucky	vivacious
determined	funny	nice	witty
eager	gentle	obedient	wonderful
elated	glorious	perfect	zealous
enchanting	good	pleasant	zany

Shape

broad	flat	round	straight
chubby	high	shallow	wide
crooked	hollow	skinny	
curved	low	square	
deep	narrow	steep	

Size

big	immense	petite	teeny
colossal	large	puny	teeny-tiny
fat	little	scrawny	tiny
gigantic	mammoth	short	
great	massive	small	
huge	miniature	tall	

Sound

cooing	husky	quiet	squealing
deafening	loud	raspy	thundering
faint	melodic	resonant	voiceless
harsh	moaning	screeching	whispering
high-pitched	mute	shrill	
hissing	noisy	silent	
hushed	purring	soft	

Time

ancient	late	old-fashioned	slow
brief	long	quick	swift
early	modern	rapid	young
fast	old	short	

Taste/Touch

bitter	tart	nutritious	smooth
delicious	tasteless	plastic	soft
fresh	tasty	prickly	solid
juicy	thirsty	rainy	steady
ripe	fluttering	rough	sticky
rotten	fuzzy	scattered	tender
salty	greasy	shaggy	tight
sour	grubby	shaky	uneven
spicy	hard	sharp	weak
stale	hot	shivering	wet
sticky	icy	silky	yummy
strong	loose	slimy	
sweet	melted	slippery	

Touch

boiling	cool	damp	fluffy
breezy	creepy	dirty	freezing
broken	crooked	dry	hot
bumpy	cuddly	dusty	warm
chilly	curly	filthy	wet
cold	damaged	flaky	

Quantity

abundant	few	light	numerous
empty	heavy	many	substantial

Other Descriptive Words

Appetizing Adjectives

alluring	flavourful	lovely	scrumptious
appealing	fresh	luscious	sizzling hot
aromatic	full-flavoured	mild	smoky
crisp	fruity	moist	smooth
crunchy	gingery	mouth-watering	spicy
delectable	heavenly	peppery	succulent
delicate	hearty	piquant	sweet
delicious	honeyed	pleasing	tangy
divine	hot	rich	tempting
enticing	intense	robust	yummy
fiery	juicy	satisfying	zesty
firm	light	savoury	

Description

ablaze	dark	glimmering	quaint
ancient	dazzling	glistening	radiant
arched	deep	glittering	rectangle
balanced	deformed	glossy	reflection
beautiful	diagonal	graceful	round
bent	dim	grotesque	rugged
blinding	dirty	hazy	shadowy
blurred	distinct	high	shady
bottomless	dull	hollow	shallow
bright	dusty	horizontal	shapeless
brilliant	elegant	indistinct	shattered
curcular	faint	invisible	sheer
clean	fancy	light	shiny
clear	filthy	luminous	skinny
cloudy	flashing	misshapen	smashed
colourful	flat	misty	smoggy
contoured	flickering	motionless	sparkling
cracked	fluffy	muddy	spiral
crinkled	fluorescent	murky	splintered
crooked	foggy	opaque	spotless
crowded	fuzzy	oval	square
crystalline	glamorous	pale	steep
curved	glaring	polished	stormy
cute	gleaming	pyramid	straight

strange
symmetrical
transparent
triangle
twinkling

twisted
ugly
unlit
unsightly
unusual

upright
vertical
wavy
weird
wide

willowy
wiry
wizened

Taste/Smell

acid
antiseptic
appetizing
aroma
bitter
choking
clean
delicious
fragrant
fresh

hot
juicy
luscious
medicinal
mild
musty
nutty
overpowering
peppery
perfume

pungent
ripe
rotten
salty
savory
scented
sharp
smelly
smoky
sour

spicy
stale
sticky
strong
stuffy
sweet
tangy
tart
tasteless
tasty

Sound

bang
booming
buzz
call
chant
clamor
bang
clash
clatter
cooing
crash
creak
crunch
crying
deafening
din
earsplitting
explosion
echo

faint
groan
growl
harsh
high-pitched
hiss
hoarse
howl
hushed
husky
loud
melodic
moan
muffled
murmur
mute
noiseless
noisy
purring

quiet
raspy
resonant
ring
roar
rumble
scream
screech
shout
shriek
shrill
silent
sing
slam
snarl
snort
sob
soft
sound

soundless
splash
squeak
still
tap
thud
thump
thunder
thunderous
tinkle
tranquil
voiceless
wail
weep
whimper
whine
whisper
whistle

Touch

arctic
baking
blazing

blistering
blunt
boiling

breezy
brittle
bumpy

burning
chilly
clammy

cold	firm	loose	springy
cool	flaky	lumpy	sticky
creepy	fluffy	melted	steaming
crisp	fluttering	moist	sweating
crumbling	freezing	oily	thick
cuddly	frosty	silky	thin
curly	furry	slick	tight
cushiony	fuzzy	slimy	uneven
damp	glossy	slippery	velvety
dirty	gooey	slushy	warm
downy	greasy	smooth	waterlogged
drenched	grubby	soaked	waxen
dripping	hairy	sodden	wet
dry	hard	soft	wooden
dusty	hot	solid	wrinkled
filthy	icy	spiky	yielding
fine	jagged	spongy	

List of Adverbs

A

aboard	accordingly	afterwards	annually	around
abnormally	actively	agreeably	anxiously	arrogantly
about	actually	almost	anyhow	aside
abroad	acutely	already	anyplace	assuredly
absentmindedly	admiringly	always	anyway	astonishingly
absolutely	affectionately	amazingly	anywhere	away
abundantly	affirmatively	angrily	appreciably	awfully
accidentally	after	annoyingly	appropriately	awkwardly

B

badly	begrudgingly	bleakly	boldly	brightly
barely	believably	blindly	boyishly	brilliantly
bashfully	bewilderedly	blissfully	bravely	briskly
beautifully	bewilderingly	boldly	briefly	brutally
before	bitterly	boastfully		busily

C

calmly	cheerfully	clumsily	compassionately	continually	crossly
candidly	chiefly	coaxingly	completely	continuously	cruelly
carefully	childishly	coincidentally	confusedly	coolly	cunningly
carelessly	cleanly	coldly	consequently	correctly	curiously
casually	clearly	colorfully	considerably	courageously	currently
cautiously	cleverly	commonly	considerately	covertly	customarily
certainly	closely	comfortably	consistently	cowardly	cutely
charmingly	cloudily	compactly	constantly	crazily	

D

daily	dearly	delicately	diligently	dopily
daintily	decently	delightfully	dimly	doubtfully
dangerously	deeply	densely	directly	down
daringly	defiantly	diagonally	disorderly	dramatically
darkly	deftly	differently	divisively	dreamily
dastardly	deliberately		docilely	during

E

eagerly	eloquently	enough	ethically	evidently	explicitly
early	elegantly	enthusiastically	even	evocatively	expressly

earnestly easily efficiently effortlessly elaborately	elsewhere emotionally endlessly energetically enjoyably enormously	entirely equally especially essentially eternally	evenly eventually evermore every everywhere	exactly exceedingly exceptionally excitedly exclusively	extensively externally extra extraordinarily extremely
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F

fairly faithfully famously far	fashionably fast fatally favorably	ferociously fervently fiercely fiery	finally financially finitely fluently fondly	foolishly forever formally formerly fortunately	forward frankly frantically freely	frequently frenetically fully furiously furthermore
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G

generally generously genuinely	gently genuinely girlishly gladly	gleefully gracefully graciously	gradually gratefully greatly	greedily grimly grudgingly
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H

habitually half-heartedly handily handsomely haphazardly happily	hastily harmoniously harshly hastily hatefully hauntingly	healthily heartily heavily helpfully hence highly	hitherto honestly hopelessly horizontally hourly how	however hugely humorously hungrily hurriedly hysterically
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I

icily identifiably imaginatively immeasurably immediately	immensely impatiently impressively inappropriately incessantly incorrectly	indeed independently indoors indubitably inevitably infinitely	informally infrequently innocently inquisitively instantly	intelligently intensely intently interestingly intermittently internally	invariably invisibly inwardly ironically irrefutably irritably
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J

jaggedly jauntily	jealously jovially	joyfully joylessly	joyously jubilantly	judgmentally just	justly
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K

keenly kiddingly	kindheartedly kindly	knavishly knottily	knowingly knowledgeably	kookily
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L

lastly late lately later	lazily less lightly likely	limply lithely lively loftily	longingly loosely loudly	lovingly loyally luckily luxuriously
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M

madly magically mainly majestically markedly materially	meaningfully meanly meantime meanwhile measurably mechanically	medically menacingly merely merrily methodically	mightily miserably mockingly monthly morally	more moreover mortally mostly much mysteriously
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N

nastily naturally naughtily	nearby nearly neatly	needily negatively nervously never	nevertheless next nicely nightly	noisily normally nosily	not now nowadays numbly
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O

obediently obligingly obnoxiously obviously occasionally	oddly offensively officially often	ominously once only openly	optimistically orderly ordinarily outdoors	outrageously outwardly outwards overconfidently overseas
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P

painfully painlessly paradoxically partially particularly passionately	patiently perfectly periodically perpetually persistently personally	persuasively physically plainly playfully poetically poignantly	politely poorly positively possibly potentially powerfully	presently presumably prettily previously primly principally	probably promptly properly proudly punctually puzzlingly
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Q

quaintly queasily	questionably questioningly	quicker quickly	quietly quirkily	quite quizzically
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R

randomly rapidly rarely readily really	reasonably reassuringly recently recklessly regularly	reliably reluctantly remarkably repeatedly reproachfully	responsibly resentfully respectably respectfully restfully	richly ridiculously righteously rightfully rightly	rigidly roughly routinely rudely ruthlessly
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S

sadly safely scarcely scarily scientifically searchingly secretively securely sedately seemingly seldom selfishly selflessly separately	seriously shakily shamelessly sharply sheepishly shoddily shortly shrilly significantly silently simply sincerely singularly shyly	skillfully sleepily slightly slowly slyly smoothly so softly solely solemnly solidly solicitously somehow sometimes	somewhat somewhere soon specially specifically spectacularly speedily spiritually splendidly sporadically spasmodically startlingly steadily	stealthily sternly still strenuously stressfully strictly structurally studiously stylishly subsequently substantially subtly	successfully suddenly sufficiently suitably superficially supremely surely surprisingly suspiciously sweetly swiftly sympathetically systematically
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T

temporarily tenderly tensely tepidly	terribly thankfully then there	thereby thoroughly thoughtfully thus	tightly today together tomorrow	too totally touchingly	tremendously truly truthfully twice
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U

ultimately unabashedly unanimously unbearably unbelievably	unemotionally unethically unexpectedly unfailingly unfavorably unfortunately	uniformly unilaterally unimpressively universally unnaturally unnecessarily	unquestionably unwillingly up upbeat unkindly upliftingly	upright unselfishly upside-down unskillfully upward upwardly	urgently usefully uselessly usually utterly
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V

vacantly vaguely	vainly valiantly vastly	verbally vertically very	viciously victoriously vigilantly	vigorously violently visibly	visually vivaciously voluntarily
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W

warmly weakly wearily weekly	well wetly when where	while whole-heartedly wholly why	wickedly widely wiggly wildly	willfully willingly wisely woefully	wonderfully worriedly worthily wrongly
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Y

yearly	yearningly	yesterday	yet	youthfully
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Z

zanily	zealously	zestfully	zestily
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List of Verbs

A

accept	adopt	amuse	appreciate	assure
ache	affirm	analyze	approve	attach
acknowledge	afford	announce	argue	attack
act	agree	annoy	arrange	attempt
add	ail	answer	arrest	attend
admire	alert	apologize	arrive	attract
admit	allege	appeal	articulate	auction
admonish	allow	appear	ask	avoid
advise	allude	applaud	assert	avow
				awake

B

babble	bathe	berate	bob	breathe
back	battle	besiege	boil	breed
bake	bawl	bestow	bolt	bring
balance	be	bet	bomb	broadcast
balk	beam	bid	book	broil
ban	bear	bite	bore	bruise
bang	beat	bleach	borrow	brush
bandage	become	bleed	bounce	bubble
bar	befriend	bless	bow	build
bare	beg	blind	box	bump
bargain	begin	blink	brag	burn
bark	behave	blot	brake	burnish
barrage	believe	blow	branch	bury
barter	bellow	blurt	brand	buy
baste	belong	blush	break	buzz
bat	bend	boast		

C

cajole	cheer	color	confide	crack
calculate	chew	comb	confirm	crash
call	chide	come	connect	crave
camp	chip	comfort	consent	crawl
care	choke	command	consider	crochet
carry	chomp	comment	consist	cross
carve	choose	communicate	contain	criticize
cause	chop	compare	contend	croak

caution	claim	compete	continue	cross-examine
catch	clap	complain	cook	crowd
challenge	clean	complete	copy	crush
change	clear	concede	correct	cry
chant	climb	concentrate	cost	cure
charge	clip	concern	cough	curl
chase	close	conclude	count	curse
cheat	coach	concur	counter	curve
check	coil	confess	cover	cut
	collect		covet	cycle

D

dam	delay	dial	do	drip
damage	delight	dictate	dock	drill
dance	deliver	die	dole	drink
dare	demand	dig	dote	drive
deal	deny	digress	double	drone
debate	depend	direct	doubt	drop
decay	describe	disclose	drag	drown
deceive	desert	dislike	drain	dry
decide	deserve	dive	draw	dupe
decipher	desire	divide	dream	dump
declare	deter	divorce	dress	dust
decorate	develop	divulge		dye

E

earn	emit	enjoin	evacuate	expand
eat	emphasize	enjoy	evaporate	expect
echo	employ	enter	exaggerate	expel
edit	empty	entertain	examine	exhort
educate	enchant	enunciate	excite	explain
elope	encode	envy	exclaim	explode
embarrass	encourage	equivocate	excuse	explore
emigrate	end	escape	exercise	extend
			exist	extoll

F

face	feel	fish	flow	forgive
fade	fence	fit	flower	form
fail	fetch	fix	fly	found
fall	fight	flap	fold	frame
falter	file	flash	follow	freeze
fasten	fill	flee	fool	fret
favor	film	float	force	frighten

fax fear feed	find fire	flood floss	foretell forget	fry fume
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G

garden gasp gather gaze gel get	gild give glide glue gnaw go	grab grate grease greet grill grin	grip groan grow growl grumble grunt	guarantee guard guess guide gurgle gush
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H

hail hammer hand handle hang happen harass	harm harness hate haunt have head heal	heap hear heat help hide highlight hijack	hinder hint hiss hit hold hook hoot hop	hope hover howl hug hum hunt hurry hurt
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I

ice identify ignore imagine immigrate imply implore	impress improve include increase infect inflate influence	inform infuse inject injure inquire insist inspect	inspire instruct intend interest interfere interject interrupt	introduce invent invest invite irritate iron itch
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J

jab jabber jail	jam jeer jest	jog join joke	jolt judge	juggle jump
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K

keep kick kill	kiss kneel	knit knock	knot know
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L

label	lean	license	like	lock
lament	learn	lick	list	long
land	leave	lie	listen	look
last	lecture	lift	live	loosen
laugh	lend	light	load	lose
lay	let	lighten	loan	love
lead	level			lower

M

mail	mark	meet	mine	move
maintain	marry	melt	miss	mow
make	marvel	memorize	mix	mug
man	mate	mend	moan	multiply
manage	matter	mention	moor	mumble
mar	mean	merge	mourn	murder
march	measure	milk	molt	mutter

N

nag	name	need	nod	notice
nail	nap	nest	note	number

O

obey	obtain	offer	omit	overflow
object	occur	ogle	open	overrun
observe	offend	oil	operate	owe
			order	own

P

pack	peep	play	practice	produce
pad	peer	plead	pray	profess
paddle	peg	please	preach	program
paint	pelt	pledge	precede	promise
pant	perform	plow	predict	propose
park	permit	plug	prefer	protect
part	pester	point	prepare	protest
pass	pet	poke	present	provide
paste	phone	polish	preserve	pry
pat	pick	ponder	press	pull
pause	pinch	pop	pretend	pump
pay	pine	possess	prevent	punch
peck	place	post	prick	puncture
pedal	plan	postulate	print	punish

peel	plant	pour	proceed proclaim	push put
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Q

question quilt	quit quiz	quote
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R

race	receive	relate	reprimand	rise
radiate	recite	relax	reproduce	risk
rain	recognize	release	request	roar
raise	recommend	rely	rescue	rob
rant	record	remain	retire	rock
rain	reduce	remember	retort	roll
rate	reflect	remind	return	rot
rave	refuse	remove	reveal	row
reach	regret	repair	reverse	rub
realize	reign	repeat	rhyme	ruin
read	reiterate	replace	ride	rule
rebuff	reject	reply	ring	run
recall	rejoice	report	rinse	rush

S

sack	serve	sip	snort	stain	stutter
sail	set	sit	snoop	stammer	stray
satisfy	settle	skate	snooze	stamp	strum
save	sever	skateboard	snow	stand	strut
savor	sew	sketch	soak	star	stun
saw	shade	ski	sob	stare	stunt
say	shampoo	skip	soothe	start	submerge
scare	share	slap	sound	stash	succeed
scatter	shave	sleep	sow	state	suffer
scoff	shelter	slice	span	stay	suggest
scold	shift	slide	spare	steer	suit
scoot	shiver	slip	spark	step	supply
scorch	shock	slow	sparkle	stipulate	support
scrape	shoot	smash	speak	stir	suppose
scratch	shop	smell	speculate	stitch	surmise
scream	shout	smile	spell	stop	surprise
screech	show	smoke	spend	store	surround
screw	shriek	snap	spill	strap	suspect
scribble	shrug	snarl	spin	storm	suspend
seal	shut	snatch	spoil	stow	sway
search	sigh	sneak	spot	strengthen	swear

see sell send sense separate	sign signal sin sing singe	sneer sneeze snicker sniff snore	spray sprout sputter squash squeeze stab	stress stretch strip stroke stuff	swim swing switch swoop sympathize
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T

talk take tame tap taste taunt teach tear tease telephone tell tempt	terrify test testify thank thaw theorize think threaten throw thunder tick tickle	tie time tip tire toast toss touch tour tow trace track	trade train translate transport trap travel treat tremble trick trickle trim	trip trot trouble trust trounce try tug tumble turn twist type
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U

understand undress	unfasten unite unlock	unpack uphold upset	upstage urge untie	use usurp utter
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V

vacuum value	vanish vanquish venture	visit voice	volunteer vote vouch
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W

wail wait wake walk wallow wander want warm	warn wash waste watch water wave waver wear	weave wed weigh welcome whimper whine whip whirl	whisper whistle win wink wipe wish wobble wonder	work worry wrap wreck wrestle wriggle write writhe
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X

x-ray

Y

yawn	yell	yelp	yield	yodel
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Z

zip	zoom
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List of Character Traits – Positive

Generally Positive Traits

adaptable	diligent	impartial	quiet
adventurous	diplomatic	independent	rational
affable	discreet	intellectual	reliable
affectionate	dynamic	intelligent	reserved
agreeable	easygoing	intuitive	resourceful
ambitious	emotional	inventive	romantic
amiable	energetic	kind	self-confident
amicable	enthusiastic	loving	self-disciplined
amusing	exuberant	loyal	sensible
brave	fair-minded	modest	sensitive
bright	faithful	neat	shy
broad-minded	fearless	nice	sincere
calm	forceful	optimistic	sociable
careful	frank	passionate	straightforward
charming	friendly	patient	sympathetic
communicative	funny	persistent	thoughtful
compassionate	generous	pioneering	tidy
conscientious	gentle	philosophical	tough
considerate	good	placid	unassuming
convivial	gregarious	plucky	understanding
courageous	hard-working	polite	versatile
courteous	helpful	powerful	warmhearted
creative	honest	practical	willing
decisive	humorous	pro-active	witty
determined	imaginative	quick-witted	

List of Character Traits – Negative

Generally Negative Traits

aggressive	finicky	miserly	self-centered
aloof	flirtatious	moody	self-indulgent
arrogant	foolish	narrow-minded	silly
belligerent	foolhardy	nasty	sneaky
big-headed	fussy	naughty	stingy
boastful	greedy	nervous	stubborn
bone-idle	grumpy	obsessive	superficial
boring	gullible	obstinate	tactless
bossy	harsh	overcritical	timid
callous	impatient	overemotional	touchy
cantankerous	impolite	parsimonious	thoughtless
careless	impulsive	patronizing	truculent
changeable	inconsiderate	perverse	unkind
clinging	inconsistent	pessimistic	unpredictable
compulsive	indecisive	pompous	unreliable
conservative	indiscreet	possessive	untidy
cowardly	inflexible	pusillanimous	untrustworthy
cruel	interfering	quarrelsome	vague
cunning	intolerant	quick-tempered	vain
cynical	irresponsible	resentful	vengeful
deceitful	jealous	rude	vulgar
detached	lazy	ruthless	weak-willed
dishonest	Machiavellian	sarcastic	
dogmatic	materialistic	secretive	
domineering	mean	selfish	

More Ways to Say...

Verbs to replace “asked”

begged	inquired	proposed	solicited
beseached	interrogated	queried	suggested
demanded	petitioned	questioned	wondered
entreated	pleaded	quizzed	
examined	prayed	requested	

Verbs to replace “went”

bolted	glided	raced	split
bounded	got away	ran	sprinted
centered	got lost	rushed	stomped
charged	headed	sailed	stormed
crawled	hightailed it	sauntered	stumbled
crept	hurried	scampered	strolled
cruised	hustled	scooted	took flight
dashed	jogged	scurried	took leave
darted	jumped	set off	tore
departed	journeyed	shot	traveled
escaped	left	shoved off	trotted
exited	limped	skipped	walked
fled	moseyed	slid	withdrew
flew	moved	slithered	
galloped	pulled away	sped	

Make	Kind	Ask	Bring	Choose
Assemble	Affectionate	Beseech	Bear	Adopt
Build	Amiable	Implore	Carry	Appoint
Concoct	Amicable	Inquire	Deliver	Cast
Construct	Caring	Petition	Fetch	Designate
Create	Considerate	Propose	Father	Determine
Fabricate	Cordial	Question	Haul	Elect
Forge	Friendly	Request	Lug	Extract
Form	Gracious	Seek	Move	Name
Generate	Humane	Solicit	Tote	Nominate
Invent	Loving	Summon	Transfer	Pick
Prepare	Thoughtful	Urge	Transport	Select

More Ways to Say...

Amazing	Find	Give	Important	Hard
Astonishing	Acquire	Award	Critical	Challenging
Astounding	Ascertain	Bequeath	Crucial	Complex
Bewildering	Detect	Bestow	Essential	Complicated
Breathtaking	Discover	Contribute	Fundamental	Convolutd
Dazzling	Encounter	Deliver	Meaningful	Demanding
Eye-opening	Locate	Dispense	Momentous	Difficult
Shocking	Obtain	Donate	Paramount	Intricate
Spectacular	Pinpoint	Entrust	Prized	Involved
Startling	Procure	Grant	Significant	Perplexing
Stunning	Spot	Offer	Valuable	Problematic
Surprising	Unearth	Present	Vital	Puzzling

See	Think	Yell	Very	Mean
Behold	Assume	Bellow	Decidedly	Competitive
Detect	Conclude	Call	Exceedingly	Cruel
Examine	Consider	Cry	Extremely	Disagreeable
Glimpse	Deem	Holler	Genuinely	Discourteous
Note	Estimate	Howl	Highly	Hostile
Notice	Imagine	Scream	Immensely	Hurtful
Observe	Presume	Shout	Particularly	Malicious
Recognize	Reckon	Shriek	Remarkably	Ornery
Spot	Suppose	Squeal	Tremendously	Quarrelsome
View	Surmise	Wail	Truly	Unpleasant
Witness	Suspect	Yelp	Uncommonly	Vicious

Awesome, Cool, Fun			
Amazing	Enthralling	Charming	Interesting
Astonishing	Bewitching	Impressive	Mind-blowing
Unbelievable	Enchanting	Unthinkable	Entertaining
Incredible	Unique	Enlightening	Enjoyable
Sensational	Unusual	Stimulating	Pleasant
spectacular	Rare	Striking	Amusing
Fabulous	Phenomenal	Notable	Lively
Astounding	Captivating	Smashing	Cheerful
Wondrous	Alluring	Exciting	Delightful

Transition Words

Words used to show SEQUENCE or a SERIES of ideas

the first
the second
the third
the final
first/firstly
second/secondly

third/thirdly
lastly/finally
first of all
second of all
in the first place
in the second place

to begin with
next
then
thus
furthermore

Words used to show TIME

in the first place
in the meantime
meanwhile
at the same time
at this/that time
during
following
first

then
afterward
earlier
soon after
later
at last
next
soon

before
after a while
previously
finally
following this
now
at this point

Words used to show CAUSE and EFFECT

accordingly
as a result
as long as
because

consequently
for that reason
if... then
in order to

since
so that
therefore
thus

Words used to show an EXAMPLE

for instance
of course
to demonstrate
to illustrate

after all
in this case
for example
in fact

in addition
specifically

Transition Words

Words used to show CONTRAST

although
even though
but
compared to
conversely
despite the fact that

even though
however
in comparison to
in contrast
nevertheless
on the contrary

on the other hand
otherwise
rather than
unlike
yet

Words used to show EQUAL ideas

additionally
also
as well as

besides
in addition to
in like manner

likewise
moreover
similarly

Words that show CERTAINTY

certainly
indeed
obviously

despite the fact that
yet
undoubtedly

without a doubt
clearly
without question

Words used in a CONCLUSION

it is clear that
as stated earlier
finally
therefore
in conclusion

thus
to summarize
as we have seen
to sum up
consequently

in other words
on the whole
therefore
to conclude/summarize

