**L.O. I can use a variety of sentence openers to make our writing more interesting**.

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| Use an ‘ly’ (adverb) opening word:  Unsteadily, the lanky, unkempt fellow slinked down the alleyway... |  |
| Open your sentence with words indicating location: Along the canal towpath , the lanky, unkempt fellow ambled slowly... |  |
| Start the sentence using a word ending in “ing”: Ambling along the canal tow path, the intoxicated thief spied his victim... |  |
| ‘Embedded’ clause or ‘comma sandwich’: The awkward man, who was lanky and unkempt, stumbled along the canal towpath... |  |
| Use a variety of sentence lengths, from short and punchy, to more complex: She froze.  They waited. He fell to the ground, with a thud. |  |
| Use ‘although’, or ‘despite’ as a sentence starter: |  |
| Open using a word ending in –ed: Terrified, the girl darted out of the path of her pursuer... |  |
| Use a simile: The mugger approached his target like a stealthy cat stalking its prey... |  |
| Use alliteration: Ragged, rough and rank, the criminal closed in on the student walking alone down the alley... |  |
| Use sentences of three, for impact: She staggered home, yanked off her painful shoes, and made a cup of tea... |  |
| Speech, followed by action with an ‘ing’ clause: “Help me!”, he screamed, tripping on the slimy cobblestones.. |  |
| Use personification: The moon peeped meekly from behind the sullen night clouds... |  |
| Use time: including time of day, season, and temperature: At 6pm on an icy winter evening... |  |
| Start with a name: Detective Marshall didn’t believe a word of the devious criminal’s story... |  |
| Start with a question: “Are you sure its safe to walk by the canal tonight?” asked his anxious girlfriend. |  |
| Start with a wish: Why couldn’t he be lying safely wrapped in his fluffy duvet instead of here bleeding into the slush and snow... |  |
| Describe the scene: On the edge of town stood a derelict building that no one ever dared enter... |  |
| Introduce a new character: Her name was Morwenna and everyone realised there was something mysterious about her right from the beginning... |  |
| Begin a sentence with dramatic action:  The gun fired as the bank robber leapt through the window in escape... |  |