

## Sentence Variation

There are many ways to vary your sentence structure. Here are a few of the best!

1. Two adjectives at the beginning

*Example: Lovely, graceful* ballerinas dance .

*or*

**Lovely and graceful** ballerinas dance.

2. A prepositional phrase at the beginning

*Example: In the spotlight,* the lovely, graceful ballerinas dance.

### *Prepositions*

about	beneath	inside	throughout
above	beside	into	in
across	between	near	toward
after	beyond	of	under
against	by	off	until
along	concerning	on	up
among	down	out	upon
around	during	over	with
at	except	past	within
before	for	regarding	without
behind	from	since	
below	in	through	

3. Infinitive verb (“to” plus verb) at the beginning

*Example: To* dance at night before a receptive audience is a pleasure for the ballerinas

4. Gerund Verb (verb plus “ing”) at the *beginning* or *end* of a sentence

*Example: Smiling* at the vast audience, the ballerinas dance.

*or*

The ballerinas dance, **smiling** at the vast audience.

5. Adverb at beginning

*Example: Gracefully,* the ballerinas dance in front of a cheering audience.

6. Interrupter

The ballerinas, **wearing pink and white tutus**, dance in front of a cheering crowd.

7. List of 3

*Example:* The ballerinas **twirl onto the stage, leap into the air, and begin dancing to a beautiful symphony** as the crowd watches in awe.

8. Dependent Clause

*Example:* **As the ballerinas enter the stage**, the crowd waits impatiently for the dance to begin.