

“Decorating” Sentences

You can take a basic and add “decorations” to make it more interesting and more powerful.



Types of “Decorations”

Plain sentence: Bird fly.

Prepositional phrase	Birds fly <u>across the lake</u> . <u>Between the mountains</u> , birds fly. Birds <u>in the Amazon rain forest</u> fly.
Adjectives	<u>Graceful</u> birds fly.
Adverbs	Birds fly <u>silently</u> . Birds <u>suddenly</u> fly. <u>Swiftly</u> , birds fly.
Appositive	Birds, <u>my favorite animals</u> , fly.
Adverb clause	<u>When the sun rises</u> , birds fly. Birds fly <u>as the storm approaches</u> .
Participial phrase	<u>Catching the wind</u> , birds fly. <u>Startled by the noise</u> , bird fly.
Infinitive phrase	<u>To reach the south by winter</u> , birds fly.
Join two short sentences together	Birds fly, <u>but</u> worms crawl.

You can even add multiple decorations to one sentence.



Graceful birds fly silently across the lake as the storm approaches.

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1. Add a prepositional phrase to each sentence.
 - a. The story was set in a wilderness area.
 - b. The author created remarkable characters.
2. Add an adjective to describe the underlined nouns in each sentence.
 - a. The soldier looked through the woods.
 - b. Tribes began to assemble near the fort.
3. Add an adverb to underlined verb.
 - a. Heyward rode through the river.
 - b. David Gamut sang his psalms.
4. Add an appositive after the subject.
 - a. Colonel Munro was delighted to see Cora and Alice.
 - b. Magua spoke with General Montcalm.
5. Add an adverb clause to the sentence.
 - a. Cora sat and waited.
 - b. Hawkeye slid the canoe into the water.
6. Add a participle phrase at the beginning.
 - a. Chingachgook stopped and stood silently.
7. Add an infinitive phrase at the beginning.
 - a. Uncas looked at the rising sun.
8. Write two short sentences about *Don Quixote*. Join them together with a conjunction.