

## SUGGESTED SENTENCE BEGINNINGS

1. Two adjectives  
Tall, handsome lifeguards flirt...
2. An appositive SP5  
Sam, the tall, handsome lifeguard, flirts....
3. A parallel structure SP10  
Tall and handsome, Sam flirts....
4. A question  
Who could that tall, handsome lifeguard be?
5. A prepositional phrase SP10  
On the high tower the tall, handsome lifeguard lounges...
6. An infinitive  
To sit all day in the high tower is the job of the life guard.
7. A gerund  
Sitting and gazing all day in the high tower is the lifeguard's duty.
8. A perfect infinitive  
To have sat in the burning sun all day was a challenge for the guards.
9. A perfect participle (past participle) SP10  
Having sat all day in the tower, the lifeguard left to find a cold drink.
10. A present participle SP10  
Smiling at the happy crowds, the lifeguard keeps watch.
11. A perfect gerund  
Having sat there all day was a challenge for the lifeguards.
12. A predicate adjective  
The guard was tall and strong.
13. A predicate noun  
A tall, strong man was the guard.
14. Parallel structure, more complex SP10  
A tall man and a handsome one, my father loved the ocean.
15. An adverbial clause SP6  
While he swam in the ocean, the guard kept watching for sharks.
16. An adjective clause SP5  
Sam, who had the build of a wrestler, worked as a guard every summer.
17. A noun clause  
That he could swim to Catalina has never been proven.
18. An exclamation!  
Wow! He certainly seems powerful.

*Don't worry about what these are called!*

*The "lingo" is not as important (if at all) as knowing the difference between a phrase (group of words) and a clause (complete thought).*

*Sentence imitation is one way to improve your sentence fluency.*

SENTENCE FLUENCY = VARIETY

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1. Beginnings
  2. Lengths
  3. Patterns