



# TOP TEN SENTENCE OPENERS

## #1 - Subject

Most sentences, like this one, begin with a subject.

**Lucy** sleeps all day.

## #2 - Adverb

Use a flexional adverb, also known as an -ly word, to start a simple sentence.

**Frequently**, Lucy sleeps all day.

## #3 - Prepositional Phrase

Add a prepositional phrase to the beginning of a sentence.

**In the warm rays of the sun**, Lucy sleeps all day.

## #4 - Adverbial Clause

Begin with *www.asia.wub* words: *when, where, while, as, since, if, although, whereas, unless, & because.*

**Because she plays at night**, Lucy sleeps all day.

## #5 - Infinitive Phrase

An infinitive is "to plus a verb," and when used in a phrase, it provides another sentence opener.

**To obtain boundless energy for the night**, Lucy sleeps all day.

## #6 - Present Participle

A present participle is "a verb plus -ing."

**Playing all night**, Lucy sleeps all day.

## #7 - Past Participle

A past participle is "a verb plus -ed."

**Exhausted from a night of mischief**, Lucy sleeps all day.

## #8 - Dual

A dual opener combines two parallel grammatical components, such as two present participles.

**Playing and meowing all night**, Lucy sleeps all day.

## #9 - Triple

A triple opener combines three parallel grammatical components, such as three present participles.

**Playing, meowing, and running all night**, Lucy sleeps all day.

## #10 - Short Sentence

When used sparingly, a sentence of 2-5 words can add emphasis.

**Lucy sleeps.**

