

Prompting questions to help promote detailed sentence writing

Basic Sentence - Barebone Sentence

- 1) Who is the sentence about (a person, place, thing or idea)?
- 2) What is the subject?
- 3) What is the action (physical or mental)?
- 4) What is the predicate?



Predicate Expander

Expanding the sentence (by telling more about the action)

- 5) Where is the action taking place (where expander)?
- 6) How is the action taking place (how expander)?
- 7) When is the action taking place (when expander)?
- 8) Why is the action taking place (why expander)?

Subject Describer

Expand the sentence by describing the subject

- 9) Physical Characteristics - What does the subject look like (its size, shape, color)?
- 10) Behavior/Personality- What is the behavior or personality of the subject (happy, sad, angry, silly, curious)?
- 11) Number- How many subjects (numerals, many, some, few, several)?
- 12) Ownership - Can I show ownership (our, her, his, yours, apostrophe)?
- 13) Set apart - Can I set it apart (this, that, these, those)?

