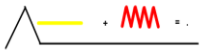
Framing Your Thoughts Reference Sheet

Sentence Part	Symbol	Function	Examples
Sentence Frame		**A sentence is framed with a capital letter and ends with a stop sign**	The dog sleeps.
Subject		**Names the person, place or thing sentence is about (Noun)**	**girl dog he cat we I**
Predicate		**Tells action of the subject (Verb)**	**run jumps thinks loves flies**
Sentence Formula (Bare bone sentence)		**A sentence needs a subject word plus a predicate word.**	**Birds chirp. Stars twinkle.**
Predicate Expanders ***Where ***How ***When ***Why**		Expands or tells more about the predicate (Adverbs)	**Where**- in, out, over, under, beside, along **How**- ly words, like, as **When**-since, during, after, yesterday **Why**-because, so, to, for

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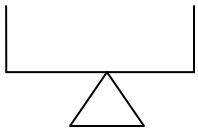
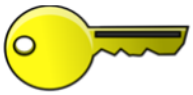
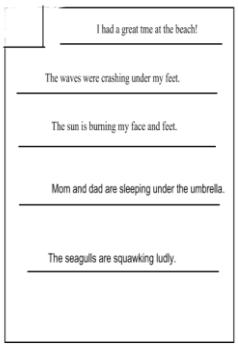
Subject Describers ***Looks/Physical Attributes** ***Behaves** ***Ownership** ***Number** ***Set Apart** **Interrupter**	 	Describes or tells more about the subject (Adjectives) "interrupts" thought between subject and predicate (adds interest and glitz)- can be lifted out Needs commas	Looks-brown, fluffy Behaves-sneaky, fun Ownership- Bobby's Number- Each, Many, One, Two, Several Set Apart- This, those, these, that Mary, **my best friend,** sings in the choir.
Connector		**Used with compound subjects or compound predicates**	and
Key point		**A good paragraph is built around one key point.**	Steel Force is the greatest roller coaster.
A paragraph is a group of sentences working together to develop one key point.		**Built around one key point** **Key point=topic sentence** **Body is made up of supporting sentences to make key point clear and convincing** **Ends with a restatement sentence – it closes key point.**	**Dogs make great pets. Dogs are good companions. Dogs are loyal. Puppies are entertaining. Dogs are wonderful pets.**