

Tips for Writing

- Give each paragraph a creative topic sentence!
- Vary Sentence Beginnings –at least 1 per paragraph.
 - Start with a Modifier (-ly word)
 - Start with a Clause (using one of these words: Because..., If..., Since...)
 - Start with a Prepositional Phrase
- Include Vivid Vocabulary—at least 2 per paragraph
- Include “Magic Words”—at least 2 per body paragraph

Where
When
While
Until
Before
After

Because
Since
So
In order to

If
Although
Though
Unless

As well as
Also
Furthermore
In addition
Moreover

However
On the other hand,
Oppositely
In contrast

For instance,
Such as,
For example,

- Use Figurative Language—at least one per paragraph
 - Simile
 - Metaphor
 - Hyperbole
 - Onomatopoeia
 - Alliteration
 - Personification
- Include Dependent Clauses (they begin with: who, which, that, when)
- Add Prepositional Phrases to elaborate and expand sentences.
- Include Appositives
- Include Adjectives after the Noun