

# Two Paragraphs

**Read the paragraphs below. Choose the paragraph that is more effective and think about why?**

I love living in the country. I have a wonderful view of the countryside. I have an apartment. I can see the forests and hills. I can see lots of animals going in and out of the trees. I like the wild berries in the bushes. I can find wonderful food for free. I don't like the quiet though.

Living in the country is amazing, I love it. From my apartment window, I have a wonderful view of the calm, colourful countryside. In addition, each day, amazing animals can be seen entering and leaving the forests and hills, which stretch out for miles ahead. I also like the wild berries in the bushes because I can find wonderful food for free; however, I don't like the quiet.

# Which is more effective?

## Why?

- I ate a tasty, delicious, good-looking, yummy, scrumptious, delicious and sugary ice cream.
- Cheerfully, I took a slurp of my enticing ice cream. The sweetness tantalised my tastebuds, making my mouth water with every lick of the sweet, silky-white treat while sending shivers down my spine.

# Which is more effective?

## Why?

- I ate a tasty, delicious, good-looking, yummy, scrumptious, pleasing and pleasant ice cream.
- **Cheerfully**, I took a **slurp** of my **enticing** ice cream. The sweetness **t**antalised my **t**astebuds, making my mouth water with every lick of the **s**weet, **s**ilky-white treat, while **s**imultaneously **s**ending shivers down my **s**pine.

# How do you vary sentence structure?

Use a variety of sentence structures in your writing. There are three types of sentences:

- Simple Sentence

The colourful chameleon flew through the forest.

- Compound Sentence

\_\_\_\_\_ Toki was scared but excited at the same time.

- Complex Sentence

As Toki clung on with all his might, the colourful chameleon flew through the forest.

# Types of Sentences

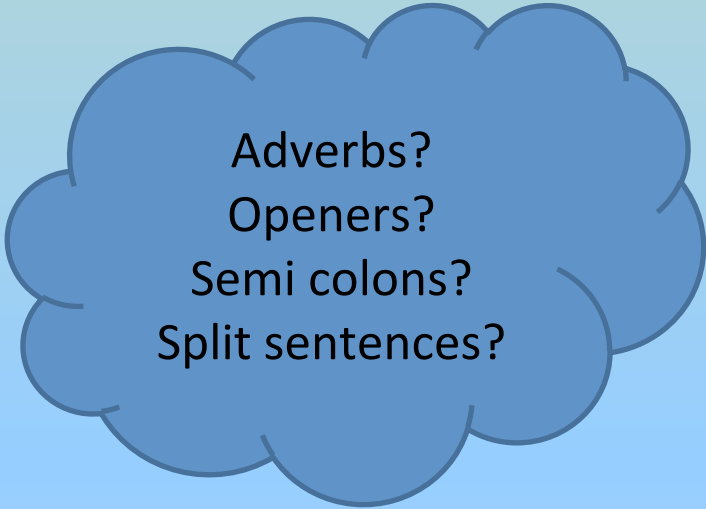
Type of Sentence	Example
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Short, simple sentence for drama</li></ul>	Tom ran.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Compound sentence (joined with connective) for flow</li></ul>	Tom ran and Kitty walked.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complex sentence to add extra information.</li></ul>	The dog bolted, because he had eaten all the sausages.

# Punctuate this!

all of a sudden bill said  
what as loud as a bull

# Make this sentence more effective.

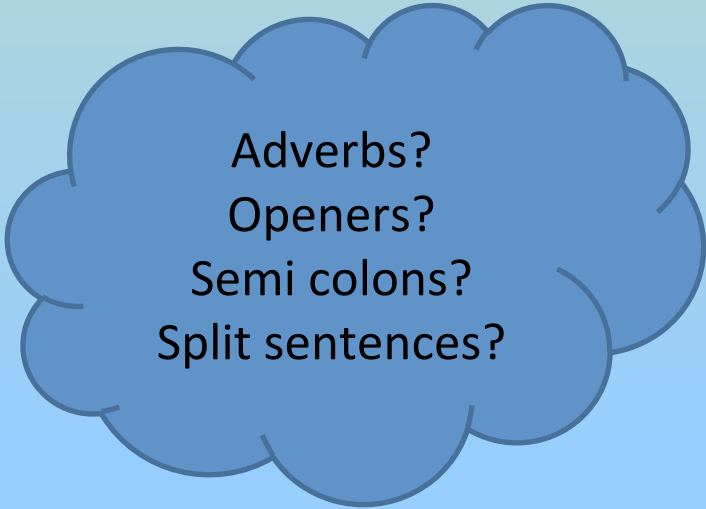
- Sarah ran down the street. She tripped over a big, large, massive stick. Hitting her head.



Adverbs?  
Openers?  
Semi colons?  
Split sentences?

# Make this sentence more effective.

- I sat on the tree branch dangling my legs over the water.



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Now, try writing your own sentences, varying the lengths to describe each creature being caught in the net by Toki and the chameleon and making your writing much more exciting!