

# Active English Writing Mat

## Time Openers

First....  
 Next....  
 After that...  
 A little later...  
 After a while...  
 Finally...



## Complex Sentences Subordinating Conjunctions

when  
 however  
 if  
 even though  
 because  
 despite the fact that  
 whenever  
 so that  
 until



## Other Openers

### Adverbial Phrase

**Verb**   **Adverb**

e.g. crouching quietly...



### Expanded Noun Phrase

The **Adjective**   **Noun**

e.g. The tiny mouse.



### Preposition

In   Under   Beyond   Over  
 Above   Beneath   On   Within   Behind



## Compound Sentences

F.A.N.B.O.Y.S

for  
 and  
 nor  
 but  
 or  
 yet  
 so



Co-ordinating

Conjunction



## Simile

as-----as-----  
 Like a -----



## Personification

The -- danced  
 --waved--  
 ---twirled--  
 ---leapt--  
 --wept---



## Relative Clause

The --, who ..., ...  
 The --, which..., ...  
 The --, that..., ...



## Metaphor

The -- is a --





# Synonyms/ Antonyms



Describe Settings	Describe Characters	Describe Feelings	Verbs
attractive breath taking spectacular stunning glorious	nice pleasant likeable charming delightful amiable	happy ecstatic thrilled delighted overjoyed	walking rambling strolling sauntering striding pacing
big impressive almighty huge massive enormous vast	beautiful attractive handsome gorgeous exquisite magnificent	sad miserable dejected despondent heartbroken	running flowing streaming gushing rushing
busy lively hectic crowded bustling swarming teeming	brave valliant bold fearless courageous	angry furious livid annoyed incensed	jumping leaping skipping hopping springing bounding
quiet peaceful tranquil still noiseless calm	bad unpleasant nasty obnoxious insufferable disagreeable horrid	nervous anxious apprehensive worried tense uneasy	laughing/smiling giggling chuckling smirking sniggering
scary eerie spine chilling unnerving sinister creepy	ugly repulsive grotesque repugnant revolting hideous unsightly hideous	afraid frightened petrified terrified panic stricken	resting relaxing reclining pausing snoozing
small tiny minute miniature miniscule insignificant	good worthy noble positive respectable	lonely isolated solitary desolate lonesome secluded	throwing tossing hurling chucking propelling pitching
dangerous harmful perilous unsafe deadly hazardous treacherous	big massive gigantic gargantuan humungous	confident certain optimistic convinced positive	flying/moving hurtling fluttering soaring gliding transporting drifting

EXAMPLE FOR PURCHASE/HOME LEARNING

very extremely incredibly hugely immensely	a little bit slightly marginally somewhat a touch faintly	thought pondered believed assumed rumoured contemplated	 said stated exclaimed yelled screached whispered cried 
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