

## Lesson 2 Vary Sentence Structure

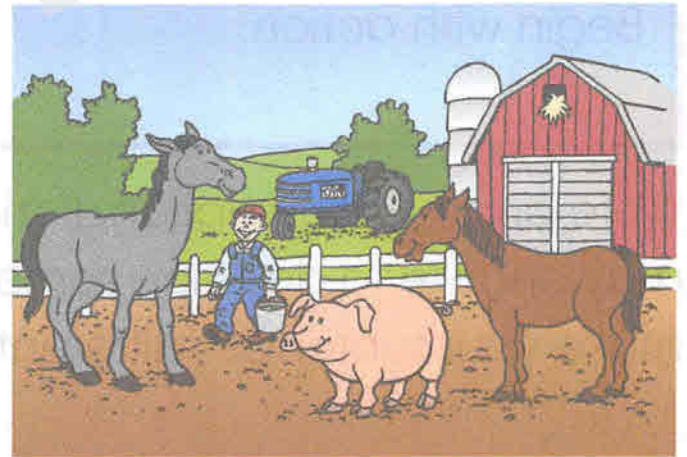
Mark wrote a description of his uncle's barn.

In the barn, there are many things to see. In the hayloft, hay bales are piled high. On the wall, there are tools hanging all in a row. In the pen, sheep make soft little sounds. Through the stall windows, the horses beg for sugar.

Mark's paragraph is well organized, but it is not interesting. He started every one of his sentences with the same type of phrase that tells *where*. His description would be more interesting if he used sentences of different lengths and with different word order. Here is a revised version of Mark's paragraph. Notice that the words are almost exactly the same.

There are many things to see in the barn. Hay bales are piled high in the hayloft. Tools hang on the wall. They are all in a row. Sheep make soft little sounds in their pen. The horses beg for sugar through the stall windows.

Write a description of this farm scene. In your paragraph, use a variety of short, medium, and long sentences. Do not begin all of your sentences the same way.




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Using short, medium, and long sentences in your writing helps it to be more interesting. Here are some other ways to make your sentences different and more interesting.

Begin with a word or phrase that tells *where*.

Begin with a word or phrase that tells *when*.

Begin with a word that tells *how*.

Begin with the subject.

Begin with action.

Over the barn roof, the sun rose.

In the morning, I like to be in the barn.

Slowly, I climbed up the wooden ladder.

The barn is my favorite place to be.

Pitching hay for the horses is hard work.

Write another description. It may be of the barn scene on page 9, or you may choose to describe something else. Keep in mind all of the ways to make your sentences different.

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