first... so... because... next... exciting... afraid... lonely... interesting.

beautiful... awful... enormous... ierce... adventure... accident... magic.

gigantic... weird... freezing... quietly... bravely... happiness... joy... sadness... fear... transport.. shelter... baggage... companion... vehicle...

thunderous... fearful... marvellous... attractive... generously... echo.. nervously... worriedly... patiently... feelings... courage... experience.. peak... patience... wasteland... container... furnishings... robe...

sensitive/ly... timid/ly... aggressively... imaginatively... unfortunate... murderous... echoing... doubtful.... emotion... anxiety... longing... progress (noun)... system... communication... ingredient... vibration... prefer... nourish... demonstrate... enjoy... leap.

outstanding/ly... tender/ly... biological/ly... formidable... outspoken... stern... comical... pathetic... yearning... dwell... dine... progress (verb)... create... adore... foreboding... speculation... silhouette.. terrain... apparel... vision... atmosphere...

Remember VCOP!

and

but so then because when

if after while as well as although however also besides even though never the less

in addition to contrary to despite so as to

Use complex sentence structures appropriately. Vary sentence length and word order to keep your reader interested.

Connectives Pyramid

Vocabulary Pyramid

/ The... My... I...

First... Then... Next...So... Last... But... Another thing... The last time... Soon... At last... If... Another time... Because... After.

Another thing... After a while... Although... Afterwards... Before... Eventually... Sometimes... Often...

Never... Always... Besides... Even though... Before the/they Meanwhile... Before very long... However... In addition... Despite... An important thing... We always... If/then... I felt as... Although I had... discovered... Having decided... I actually... Despite... Due to... As time went. Use of adjectives e.g. The golden sun, The grumpy old man etc.

Having...

Use complex sentence structures appropriately.

Vary sentence length and word order to keep the reader interested.

Openers Pyramid

Up-level your writing by moving down the pyramids.

"";, ...()?..

Punctuation Pyramid

<u>Homophones</u> - words that sound the same but have different spellings and meanings.

were is the past tense of are.

We were playing football.

where is used for places and positions.

Where is Italy?

we're is short for 'we are'.

We're going to school.

wear is what you do with clothes

I wear slippers.

their belongs to someone.

The children hung up their coats.

they're is short for 'they are'.

They are going to the zoo.

there is about places.

There are three books.

of The jar was full of biscuits.

He is a friend of mine.

off Time for a break.

Twenty pounds off.

too means 'as well' or 'too much'.

I ate too much.

two is just the number.

I want two toys.

to means towards or is part of a verb.

I am going to the park.

new is not old.

know

Jim bought a new car.

knew is the past tense of 'know'.

Jenny knew how to ride a bike.

no is used to refuse or disagree.

No, I won't go to the park.

is regarded as the truth.

I know she won't fall off.

We are great writers vecause we use these tips/

By Simon Haughton

Start a **new paragraph** when there is:

- a change of topic;
- a jump in time;
- a change of place;
- a new speaker.

Speech marks used correctly.

"I like dancing," said Mary.

Claire cried, "I wanted to ride the horse."

"What time is it Tom?" asked Fred.

Apostrophe to show a letter missing.

do not don't will not won't can not can't

Apostrophe to show something belongs to someone.

John's book
The dog's tail (1)
The cats' tails (2+)
children's
women's men's

Use a comma between each item in a list, except for the last item where you use and.

Ouse a colon

There are: five gold rings, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves **and** a partridge in a pear tree.

<u>Similes</u> usually use 'as' or 'like' and compare something to something else.

The clouds were fluffy like cotton wool. He was as cool as a cucumber.

<u>Metaphors</u> describe something as if it was something else.

The night is a blanket of black. It was a rainbow of flavours.

Astounding Adverbs

quietly, silently, bravely, gracefully, energetically, suspiciously, angrily, sulkily, sadly, sneakily, faintly, stupidly, strongly, weakly, happily. laughing loudly, grinning

happily.
laughing loudly,
grinning
unpleasantly,
running swiftly,
sleeping soundly,
gazing longingly,
sighing wistfully,
talking secretly,
stomping angrily,

dancing elegantly

Vary those sentences!

Verb, Person

Shivering, John sat on the cold, damp floor.

<u>2A:</u>

He was a tall, awkward man with an old, crumpled jacket.

BOYS (But, Or, Yet, So):

The dog ran across the road, <u>but</u> it didn't see the speeding car.

<u>List</u>

It was a dark, long, leafy lane.

2 Pairs:

Tired and lonely, *cold and hungry*, he continued along the never ending path.

Simile:

The water rushed past like a heard of buffalos evading a predator.

<u>3_ed:</u>

Scared, confused, betrayed I slumped to the floor.