

Starting Sentences Differently

Name: _____

Four sentences in a row that start with the subject get dull fast. Rewrite each one twice: once starting with a time or place, once starting with an -ing or -ly word.

1. The rain started at noon.

2. We packed the car quickly.

3. The dog barked at the mail carrier.

4. I finished the book in one sitting.

5. The ferry left without us.

6. She answered the question twice.

Starting Sentences Differently — Answer Key

Answers will vary. Examples for the first: *At noon, the rain started.* / *Suddenly the rain started.*

Look for the same opening three times in a row in your own writing — that is the signal to vary it.