

Varying Sentence Structure for Effect

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Instructions

Answer every question. Write your answer on the line. 10 questions in total.

Practice

1. Is 'The rain fell.' a simple, compound, or complex sentence?

2. Is 'The rain fell, and the wind howled.' a simple, compound, or complex sentence?

3. Is 'Although the rain fell, the match continued.' a simple, compound, or complex sentence?

4. Move the subordinate clause to the front of this sentence: 'The match continued although the rain fell.'

5. A short simple sentence placed after several long complex ones often creates what effect on the reader?

6. Do writers vary sentence length and type throughout a piece to control pace and keep the reader engaged, or purely by accident?

7. Move the subordinate clause to the front of this sentence: 'She finished the race even though her leg hurt.'

8. 'He ran.' placed straight after a long, detailed sentence about a chase creates what effect on pace — a sudden burst of speed, or a slowing down?

9. Is 'She laughed.' a simple, compound, or complex sentence?

10. Is 'She laughed, and everyone joined in.' a simple, compound, or complex sentence?
