

## CHECKLIST FOR SENTENCE VARIETY

Part I: Sentence Types—use a combination of these in your paragraphs and essays—vary them

- A. Simple Sentence
- B. Compound Sentence (two or more clauses joined by a coordination conjunction and a comma)
- C. Complex Sentence (two or more clauses joined by a subordinating conjunction creating at least one dependent clause. Comma must be inserted if the dependent clause comes first in the sentence)
- D. Compound-Complex Sentence (three or more clauses, one of which is dependent and has a subordinating conjunction which precedes it and two of which are independent and separated by a coordinating conjunction and a comma)

Part II: Varying Sentence Beginnings—use these frequently throughout your essays in order make the beginnings of sentences more interesting while avoiding the overuse of simple subjects

- A. Infinitive Phrase
- B. Present Participle
- C. Past Participle
- D. Prepositional Phrase
- E. Adverb or Adverbial Phrase
- F. Transitional Words
- G. Dependent Clauses
- H. Appositive