

MODIFIERS

Clauses

1. Adjectival Clause = Relative Clause (with Relative Pronoun)—Most common: “that” and “which”
 - a. The board marker **that is on the podium** is mine. (Restrictive clause—no commas—essential information to the meaning of the sentence.)
 - b. The board marker, **which is a Monami**, is on the podium. (Nonrestrictive clause—commas—non-essential information to the meaning of the sentence.)
2. Adverbial Clause = Dependent Clause = Subordinate Clause
 - a. **While he was cleaning the desk**, he saw a cockroach.
 - b. He saw a cockroach **while cleaning the desk**.
3. Using relative clauses as nouns—Fun Stuff!
 - a. **That I will be finishing my final essay for FWIS** is why I cannot go to the party. (S-LV-PN)
 - b. **That the decision had not yet been made by the board in time to enact the new policy** was absolutely ridiculous. (S-LV-PA)

Phrases

Varying Sentence Beginnings

1. Prepositional Phrase:

On the way to the clinic, we saw Sam and Edward having an argument.
2. Present Participial Phrase:
 - a. Coordination—(I ran down the street, and I fell on my head.—IC, CC IC).
 - b. Subordination—(When I ran down the street, I fell on my head.—SC DC, IC).
 - c. Subordination—(I fell on my head when I ran down the street.—IC SC DC).
 - d. Present Participial Phrase—(**Running down the street**, I fell on my head.—Simple Sentence).
 - e. Present Participial Phrase—(**Dripping under the torrential downpour**, the alien started to dismember its prey.)
3. Past Participial Phrase:

Fatigued by yet another long night in the laboratory, Samantha fainted and fell to the floor.

4. Infinitive Phrase:

To bring greater accountability to the office, the CEO implemented a new set of guidelines for all personnel.

5. Appositive:

The taxidermist of rare birds, Henry Fountain, began work on a large ostrich, an unfortunate casualty from a vehicle incident.

Or

Henry Fountain, **the taxidermist of rare birds**, began work on a large ostrich, an unfortunate casualty from a vehicle accident. (This one starts with the subject, so one is not varying sentence beginnings.)

6. ? (Mystery Phrase—To be Continued)