

Using Higher Level Vocabulary: Fiction Writing

To Describe Settings

attractive
awe-inspiring
beautiful
breathtaking
glorious
magnificent
spectacular

grand
impressive
majestic
regal
splendid
stately
lavish

bustling
busy
crowded
hectic
lively
swarming
teeming

disgusting
hideous
horrible
ugly
unappealing
unattractive
unsightly

creepy
eerie
frightening
scary
sinister
spine-chilling
unnerving

calm
noiseless
peaceful
quiet
silent
still
tranquil

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To Describe Feelings

delighted
ecstatic
elated
euphoric
happy
overjoyed
thrilled

crestfallen
dejected
depressed
despondent
heartbroken
miserable
sad

angry
annoyed
fuming
furious
incensed
livid
outraged

afraid
frightened
panic-stricken
petrified
scared witless
terrified
terror-stricken

anxious
apprehensive
jittery
nervous
tense
uneasy
worried

certain
confident
convinced
in no doubt
optimistic
positive
sanguine

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To Describe Characters

amiable
charming
delightful
good natured
likable
nice
pleasant

disagreeable
horrible
insufferable
loathsome
nasty
obnoxious
unpleasant

attractive
beautiful
exquisite
gorgeous
handsome
stunning
winsome

grotesque
hideous
repugnant
repulsive
revolting
ugly
vile

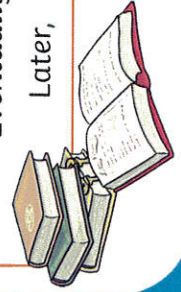
audacious
bold
brave
courageous
fearless
plucky
valiant

almighty
big
enormous
gargantuan
gigantic
humongous
massive

Fronted Adverbials

Fronted Adverbials are words or phrases at the beginning of a sentence which are used to describe the action that follows.

Time	Frequency	Place	Manner	Possibility
Afterwards, Already, Always, Immediately, Last month, Now, Soon, Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow, Next year, In January, On Tuesday, In the morning, After a while, As soon as she could, Before long, All of a sudden, In the blink of an eye, Just then, Eventually, Later,	Often, Again, Daily, Weekly, Fortnightly, Yearly, Sometimes, Rarely, Every second, Twice a year, Once a minute, Once, Once or twice, Three times, Constantly, Regularly, Frequently, Infrequently, Occasionally, Rarely, Never in my life, Never before,	Above the clouds, Below the sea, Here, Outside, Over there, There, Under the ground, Upstairs, In the distance, Between the sea and the sky, Everywhere she looked, Around the tent, Back at the house, Nearby, Down by the cliffs, Behind the shed, In the wooden box, Over my bed, Somewhere near here, Far away, Wherever they went, North of here,	Sadly, Slowly, Happily, Awkwardly, Bravely, Like a ... , As quick as a flash, As fast as he could, Without a sound, Without warning, Unexpectedly, Unfortunatly, Suddenly, Mysteriously, Frantically, Anxiously, Courageously, Silently, Curiously, Nervously, Rapidly, Carefully,	Almost unbelievably, Much admired, Nearly asleep, Quite understandably, Really happily, Perhaps, Maybe, Just arrived, Certainly amused, Obviously angry, Definitely confused, Completely exhausted, Barely alive, Out of breath, Decidedly unimpressed, Perfectly confident, Positively trembling with excitement, Purely practically, Somewhat flustered, Utterly joyous, Totally overwhelmed,



Conjunctions and Other Connectives

When?

afterwards
as
at that moment
finally
first
just then
last
later
meanwhile
soon
subsequently
then
until
when
while

Why?

as a result
because
consequently
for this reason
so
therefore

Opinion

fortunately
happily
luckily
sadly
unfortunately

But...

alternatively
although
anyway
aside from
besides
but
despite
however
in spite of
nevertheless
on the other hand
since
whereas
yet

And...

also
and
as well as
in addition
moreover
with