

# Art of the Sentence

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## S Y L L A B U S

Goals: To explore and develop familiarity with a variety of sentence structures, so we can use them more effectively in our writing of non-fiction and fiction. To complete and improve at least one short piece (story, chapter, essay or article) & send it out.

### **Class 1 Language Arts**

May 25 Exploring the vowel scale, repetition and rhythm  
Working with a lexicon

Homework: Develop a lexicon for a piece you are working on or plan to write  
Rewrite a paragraph you've already written focusing on the vowel scale

### **Class 2 Short Sentences**

June 1 Sentence fragments & what they are good for  
Simple sentences of all kinds

Homework: Write out ten sentence fragments  
Create 10 simple sentences, 3 with multiple verbs, 3 with multiple subjects  
Write a very long simple sentence by repeating a prepositional phrase

### **Class 3 Compound Sentences & Sentences that Enact Their Meaning**

June 8 Compound sentences & what they are good for  
How does a sentence enact its meaning?

Homework: Write 10 compound sentences you can use in your work  
Write a paragraph using only compound sentences  
Write 3 sentences that enact their meaning

### **Class 4 Complex Sentences**

June 15 What makes a complex sentence (a dependent clause)  
Using adverbial clauses

Homework: Write 10 very short complex sentences using one kind of dependent clause  
Make a complex sentence a page long using one kind of dependent clause  
Bring in two copies of a piece you are working on

### **Class 5 List Sentences and Phrases**

June 22 Exploring language in the list sentence  
Four different kinds of phrases

Homework: Provide feedback for your partner  
Practice writing 5 sentences that use each kind of phrase for your piece  
Find a place to send your piece and your partner's piece

### **Class 6 The Art of the Paragraph & Transitions**

June 29 Three kinds of paragraphs  
How to get from one paragraph to another  
Sharing work/sending out/submission tracking & tactics

Homework: Send your completed piece out within the next 30 days