24 SENTENCE PATTERNS AND ONE SAMPLE EACH:

1 USE SPECIFIC NOUNS AND VERBS IN A NOUN VERB SENTENCE
Fire belched from the dragon’s mouth.

2 USE SPECIFIC NOUNS AND VERBS IN A NOUN VERB NOUN SENTENCE
The car crusher devoured the wrecked cars.

3 INTERROGATIVE – ASK A QUESTION
What steps do good writers follow to produce a good work?

4 OPEN WITH AN ADVERB
Noisily, the mosquitoes buzzed around our heads.

5 OPEN WITH A PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE
During the day the robber hid in a dingy basement apartment.

6 USE AN APPOSITIVE
Claude Monet, a French Impressionist, painted many outdoor scenes.

7 OPEN WITH AN ADVERB CLAUSE
Because Renoir painted many oils of clowns, people often recognize his work.

8 CLOSE WITH AN ADVERB CLAUSE
Hulk Hogan will run for President of the United States after he retires from wrestling.

9 USE PARALLEL STRUCTURE IN WORDS
Mom bought chips, soda, and pickles for the picnic.

10 USE PARALLEL STRUCTURE IN PHRASES and CLAUSES
The thorny devil, a strange looking lizard, has thorns above each eye, a thorn-covered hump behind its head, and a tail covered in thorns.

11 OPEN WITH AN ADJECTIVE
Angry, the child threw the toy across the room.

12 OPEN WITH AN ADJECTIVE PHRASE
Afloat with confidence, the homecoming queen tripped on the steps.

13 OPEN WITH A PRESENT INFINITIVE
To prevent a mess, the chef covered the counter with wax paper.
14 OPEN WITH A PRESENT PARTICIPLE
Gazing at the ballerinas, Degas planned his next painting.

15 OPEN WITH A PAST PARTICIPLE
Known as a landscape painter, Monet gave a shimmering quality to his artwork.

16 OPEN WITH A PERFECT PARTICIPLE
Having kissed her father’s forehead, the teenager snatched the car keys and headed outside.

17 USE A RESTRICTIVE ADJECTIVE CLAUSE
This morning the technician tossed the computer that never worked into the dumpster.

18 USE A NON-RESTRICTIVE ADJECTIVE CLAUSE
Our art class studied the paintings of Seaurat, who developed a technique called pointillism.

19 COMPOUND SENTENCE WITH A COORDINATING CONJUNCTION
The right tackle must stop the quarter back, or we will lose this game.

20 COMPOUND SENTENCE WITH A SEMI-COLON
Zeus blasted a lightning bolt from the sky; Io had made him angry.

21 COMPOUND SENTENCE WITH A CONJUNCTIVE ADVERB
Van Gogh suffered from severe mental problems; nevertheless, his still-lifes and landscapes hang in the world’s greatest museums.

22 COMPOUND SENTENCE WITH AN ELLIPTICAL EXPRESSION
Darby played a musical number by Bach; Joan, one by Mozart.

23 USE A PARENTHETICAL EXPRESSION BETWEEN SUBJECT AND VERB
Gaugin, inspired by the island of Tahiti, used bold colors while painting.

24 OPEN WITH A PARALLEL STRUCTURE FOLLOWED BY A CLOSING STATEMENT
Chocolate, good books, and lattes – all of these bring a smile to our teacher’s face.

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