

Lesson 289

Parts of the Sentence - Sentence Variety

Having learned about *phrases* and *clauses*, let's now use the following phrases and clauses to give variety to our writing: *participial phrases*, *adverb clauses*, *adjective clauses*, *compound sentences*, or *compound verbs*.

First identify which of the above ways is used in the sentence, and then rewrite it using the three other ways identifying each of the methods used.

Example:

Having finished my lessons, I sat back and gloried in my effort.

participial phrase

You must rewrite the above sentence using an *adverb clause*, *adjective clause*, and either a *compound sentence* or a *simple sentence* with *compound verbs*.

Rewrite of Example:

1) I *finished* my lessons, *sat* back, *and gloried* in my effort. = *compound verbs*

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2) *After I had finished my lessons*, I sat back and gloried in my effort.

adverb clause

3) I *who had finished my lessons* sat back and gloried in my effort.

adjective clause

Instructions: Identify the written sentence and rewrite it three other ways.

Note - There are other ways in which to write these sentences.

1. Standing nervously in the wings of the theater, Jeanne practiced her lines quietly and waited to go on stage.

2. The detective searched carefully through the old desk as he recounted in his mind the importance of the will.

3. The small black dog which looked weak and harmless leaped suddenly at the stranger.