

Sentence Starters

Planning and Goal Setting

My purpose is ...
 My top priority is ...
 To accomplish my goal, I plan to ...

Tapping Prior Knowledge

I already know that ...
 This reminds me of.. This relates to...

Asking Questions

I wonder why ...
 What if ...
 How come ...

Predicting

I'll be that ...
 I think ...
 If ..., then ...

Forming Interpretations

What this means to me is ...
 I think this represents ...
 The idea I'm getting is ...

Monitoring

I got lost here because...
 I need to reread the part where ...
 I know I'm on the right track because...

Clarifying

To understand better, I need to know more about ...
 Something that is still not clear is ...
 I'm guessing that this means, but I need to ...

Revising Meaning

At First I thought, but now I ...
 My latest thought about this is ...
 I'm getting a different picture here because...

Sophisticated Words for Specificity: "Talk/Said"

announce
 argue
 converse
 debate
 declare
 describe
 discuss
 pontificate
 proclaim
 question
 remark
 request
 reveal
 scream
 specify
 verbalize

Sophisticated Words for Specificity: Tone and Speaker's Attitude

Positive

adoring
 bemused
 delightful

encouraging
 flippant
 gushy
 interested
 jovial
 laudatory
 mirthful
 nostalgic
 optimistic
 poignant
 reverent
 serene
 tender
 wistful
 zealous

Neutral

impartial
 meditative
 unambiguous
 understated

Negative

ambiguous
 apathetic
 belligerent
 derisive
 diabolic
 evasive

foreboding
 gloomy
 haughty
 hopeless
 incredulous
 lethargic
 mournful
 ominous
 pedantic
 strident
 uncertain
 wry

Sophisticated Words for Specificity: Mood

Positive

amused
 chipper
 dignified
 dreamy
 giddy
 hyper
 idyllic
 jubilant
 liberating
 mellow
 nostalgic
 pleased

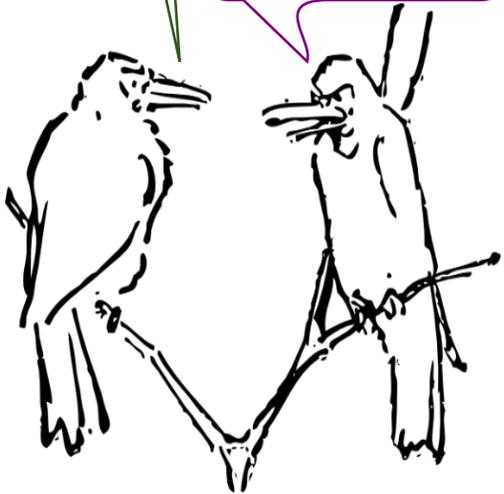
relaxed
 satiated
 sympathetic
 thoughtful
 trustful
 vivacious
 welcoming

Negative

aggravated
 apathetic
 brooding
 cranky
 cynical
 dreary
 envious
 futile
 indifferent
 insidious
 irate
 morose
 nauseated
 numb
 pensive
 restless
 somber
 tense
 worried

First, I said, ...
 Then, she replied, ...
 After that, Henry explained, ...
 Lastly, Koichi screamed, ...
 Thus, Evlira exclaimed, ...
 Finally, the teacher declared, ...

They stated, ...
 Julio whispered, ...
 Arika mumbled, ...
 Maggie muttered, ...
 Yesenia yelled, ...



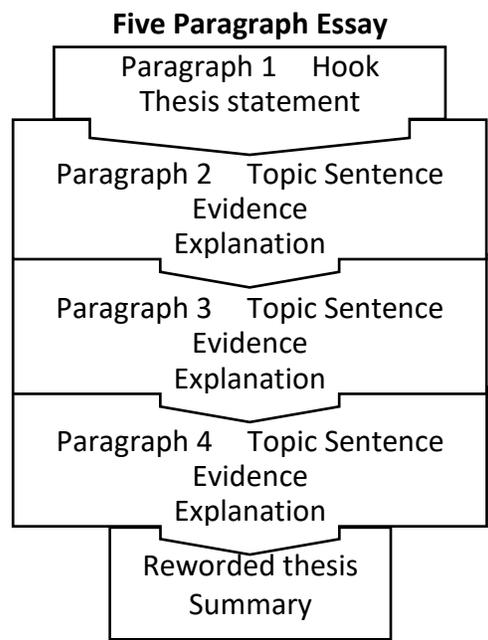
 A simple line drawing of a person running to the right, with the word "RUN" written on their chest.

- _____ sprint
- _____ race
- _____ lope
- _____ dart
- _____ dash
- _____ jog
- _____ gallop
- _____ scamper

 An illustration of a blue ice cream cone on the left and a brown mug on the right with steam rising from it.

COLD
 cool, frosty,
 chilly,
 freezing, icy,
 frozen,
 wintery

HOT
 fiery, boiling,
 red-hot, heated,
 scorching, sizzling,
 scalding,
 warm, burning,
 ablaze, baking



 A signpost with two blue arrow-shaped signs pointing in opposite directions.

GOOD
 exceptional, magnificent,
 remarkable, meaningful,
 superb, outstanding,
 exemplar, superior

BAD
 useless, unpleasant,
 unimportant, dreadful,
 horrendous, inconsequential,
 irrational, illogical,
 pathetic, harmful

Summarizing Menu: FICTION

<p>First, ... Next, ... Then, ... Last, ...</p>	<p>Somebody ... Wanted ... But, ... So, ... Then, ...</p>	<p>The character is ... The character feels ... The character thinks ... The character does ... The character says ...</p>	<p>In the beginning, ... In the middle, ... In the end, ...</p>
<p>_____ causes _____ to happen ...</p> <p>_____ is the effect of _____ because ...</p>	<p>The problem is ... The solution is ...</p>	<p>_____ and _____ are similar because ... A similarity between _____ and _____ is ...</p>	<p>_____ and _____ are different because... A difference between _____ and _____ is ..</p>

Evidence:

Some evidence I see is ...

I would like to add to ...

The author says ...

From the text, ...

In addition, the author ...

In paragraph # ___ sentence

___, it says ...

I disagree/respectfully

disagree because ...

According to the author ...

The evidence shows/says ...

To the contrary, the author
says ...

Summarizing Menu: NONFICTION

I learned that ...	The author said ...	The main idea is ...	Primarily, ... Also, ... Additionally, ... Finally, ...
An important fact is ...	The author wanted me to know ...	It was interesting to read ...	This part of the text was mostly about ...

Evidence:

Some evidence I see ...
I would like to add to ...

In paragraph # ___ sentence
__, it says ...
I disagree because ...
The author says ...

<p>Cause-Effect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tells an event or action and the reason(s) it happened • cause=why something happened • effect=what happened 	<p>accordingly, as a result, because, because of, if, consequently, due to, effects of, for this/that reason, if__then, in order to, is caused by, lead to, since, so, so that, thereby, leads to, thereby, therefore, thus, when __then, responsible for, may be due to</p>
<p>Compare-Contrast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gives the similarities and differences of 2 or more items/ideas/objects/places • examines how things are alike or different 	<p>also, although, as opposed to, as well as, both, but, compared to/with, different, different from, either __ or, however, in comparison, in contrast, instead of, like, likewise, on the other hand, resembles, same/same as, similar, similarly, too, unlike, while, whereas, yet</p>