

## Openers

There are different ways of opening sentences.

Younger children will use words like I/Then/They. We want to encourage the children to think of other words to use. Here we ask the children to use connectives to start sentences. Older children are also introduced to "Power Openers". This includes using words ending with ly, ing or ed as openers. (For example: Amazingly, John was happy to get on with his work!)

How can you help?

- Spend time discussing different ways to start sentences.
- Give your child examples of Power Openers that you can think of.
- Use verbs and adjectives to describe what people are doing and make up a sentence with the verb/adjective at the beginning.

For example:

- Walking home from school one day, I saw a massive dog.
- Huffily he agreed to complete his homework.

