
Sentence Frames

Sentence frames can help you improve your writing. Use at least two of the following sentence frames in your writing.

Compound Sentences

A compound sentence is formed when two independent clauses are joined together by a coordinating conjunction, such as *and*, *but*, *or*, *yet*, *so*. Here are examples of compound sentence frames you can use in your response.

1. *And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?* says Paul Revere was in a hurry and moving quickly, and the poem also says Paul Revere was eager and impatient to ride.
2. The poem says Paul Revere was alone and he rowed across the river before he got the signal, but the other texts say Paul Revere crossed the river with friends after he got the signal.
3. Paul Revere was in a hurry on the night of April 18, and he forgot to bring something to muffle his oars.
4. Paul Revere was able to slip past the British war ships, but he almost got caught by some English officers.
5. Paul Revere forgot to bring something to muffle his oars, so he asked a woman to use her petticoat.
6. At first, Paul Revere rode to Lexington to warn the colonists, and then rode to Concord.
7. “One if by Land, Two if by Sea” doesn’t say much about Paul Revere, but the other texts describe Paul Revere’s actions in detail.

Relative Pronouns

A relative pronoun connects a noun or pronoun to a clause or phrase which provides additional information about the noun or pronoun. So, in the previous sentence, the phrase “which provides additional information about the noun or pronoun” gives additional information about “clause or phrase.” Relative pronoun examples are *who*, *whose*, *which*, *where*. Here are examples of sentence frames with relative pronouns you can use in your response.

1. Paul Revere was an express rider who warned the colonists of the British attack.
2. Paul Revere rode on April 18, 1775, which was the day before the American Revolution began.
3. Each text says two lanterns were hung in the church tower, which meant the British were coming by water.

Sentence Challenge

Use the following mentor sentences from texts in this lesson to create similar sentences in your response.

Mentor Sentence

“But as they marched, they heard an unwelcome sound.”¹
colonists.

“But beginning in 1765, there was no time for doodling.”²
Revere was able to

Sentence Frame

But as he rode, Paul Revere warned the

But on the night of April 18, 1775, Paul

save lives by warning the colonists.

¹ From page 27 of *Liberty! How the Revolutionary War Began*

² From page 17 of *And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?*