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Write Away 2

Topic: **WRITE A SENTENCE**

Background: Prose writing begins with the ability to put words together into sentences. All the creative energy in the world will mean nothing if the writer cannot translate his/her ideas into coherent, meaningful sentences. Opening and closing sentences are particularly important.

Activities:

- 1.a Write a paragraph using only simple sentences.
Suggested topics: My Vacation, My Pet, Why I Love/Hate School, The Job I Really Want
- 1.b Rewrite the above paragraph using a combination of simple, compound and complex sentences.
2. Choose a well-known fairy tale, legend or story (eg. Red Riding Hood, or Cinderella). Write three different opening sentences. Try to make each one focus on a different aspect of the story.

(Examples: 1. *Red Riding Hood knew she wasn't supposed to talk to strangers.* 2. *The wolf sighed heavily and peered out at the gloomy forest, feeling lonely and unloved.* 3. *Grandmother tapped her fingers on the kitchen table and wondered for the tenth time where Little Red could be.*)

3. Go back to question one and rewrite your closing sentence twice. Once closing sentence should bring the story to a conclusion, the other will leave the story open-ended.