

Sentence Variety

Types of Sentences	Examples
1. Action Verb Sentences	Articles I, II, and III of the United States Constitution define the three branches of our federal government.
2. Where or When Plus What's Happening Sentences	Each year the judicial branch of our government makes several important decisions.
3. Number (Power) Statements	The makers of the United States Constitution designed a government with three branches.
4. And, But, So, and Or Sentences	A president, the executive branch, makes appointments to important government positions, but Congress, the legislative branch, approves many of these appointments.
5. However Statements	The legislative branch of our government makes laws; however , the executive branch is responsible for making sure laws are carried out.
6. Semicolon Sentences	U.S. presidents have approved and signed many good laws ; they have also vetoed a number of good laws.
7. Side-by-Side Sentences	All American citizens should vote. Their votes impact all three branches of our federal government.
8. Occasion/Position Statements	When groups or individuals challenge a law , the courts in the judicial branch decide if the law does or does not follow the intent of the Constitution.
9. Rhetorical Questions	Which branch of the federal government is the most powerful? Some governors believe that it is the executive branch.
10. A Few Good Prepositions	In time of war , the president, commander-in-chief of the nation's armed forces, makes serious decisions.
11. To Plus Verb Sentences (Infinitive)	To balance the national budget , the executive and legislative branches must work together.
12. Two Nouns and Two Commas (An Appositive)	Congress, the legislative branch of our country , makes laws.
13. Compare/Contrast Statements	The Senate and the House of Representatives have similar responsibilities ; however, they operate differently .
14. Quotations in Sentences	When Thomas Jefferson wrote that "Governments are institutions among Men deriving their just powers from the consent of all governed," he passed on a responsibility to all Americans.