

Two Sentence Introductions

Descriptive Reports

When writing a descriptive report, sometimes **a short introduction is best.**

The length of an introduction really depends on the topic, the time available to write, and the audience for the report.

You can create a good introduction simply by using two important sentences:

- **the hook**

- **the plan sentence**

The Hook

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- The very first sentence in the essay.
- A good one creates a lasting impression with the reader. Most importantly though, a hook keeps the reader reading.

A hook is like decorating the topic. It can turn an average intro an incredible one.

The Hook

The biggest mistake you can make when writing a hook is using general statements.

Bad Hooks:

- Hello, my name is Tim and today I am going to write about...
- Volunteering after school is a way to learn responsibility...

Types of Hooks

Question:

- Help create pictures in the reader's mind.

Example:

Where in the Pacific Ocean can you find a delicious Krabby Patty to eat, live in a pineapple, and drive in an underwater boat? Bikini Bottom, of course!

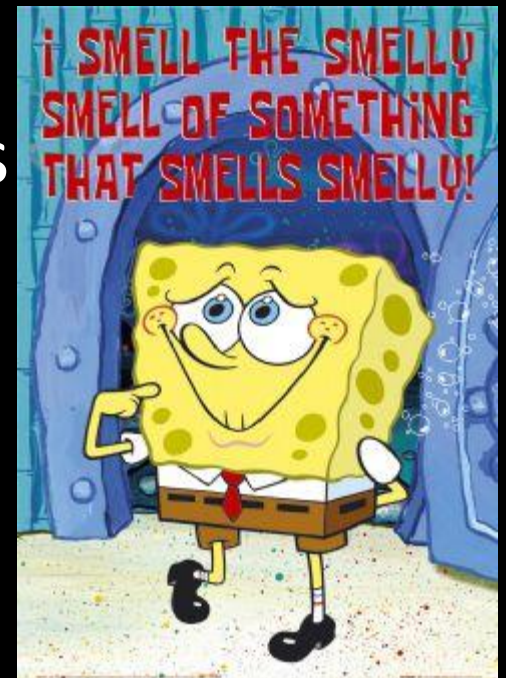


Quote:

- Can be a direct quotation from a book, TV show, movie, or a famous person.

Example:

“Do you smell that? That smell--It's the smell of a smelly smell that smells smelly,” stated Spongebob



Onomatopoeia:

- A word that sounds like it's spelled.

Example:

"Meooowww!" said Gary,
Spongebob's pet snail.



Poem:

- Use a poem from a famous author, or make up your own.

Example:

Roses are red, violets are blue. I love
Spongebob Squarepants, do you?

Song:

- Use a line or two from your favorite song, but make sure it relates to your essay.

Example:

"Are ya ready kids?

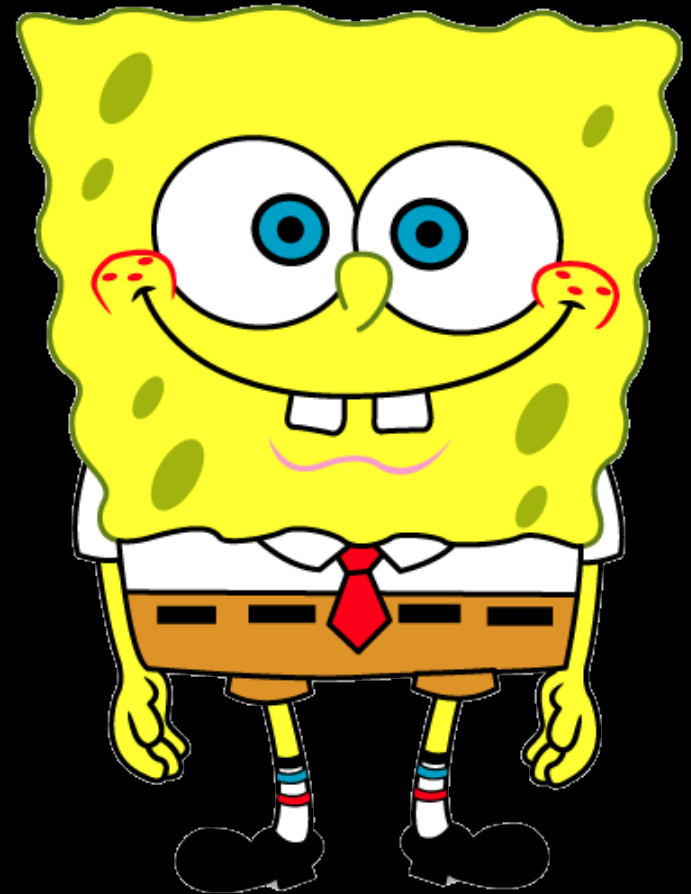
Aye, aye, Captain.

I can't hear you!

Aye, aye Captain.

Ohhhh!"

My favorite TV show started to play on Nickelodeon.



Interjection:

- Interjections express emotions. Examples are Aha!, Stop!, Ugh!, Help!, Well!, YOW!, Brrrr!, Yummy!

Example:

"Nooooo!" Don't touch the TV, I am watching my favorite show, Spongebob Squarepants.

Startling Statistic:

- Statistics show relationships with numbers. Find a surprising statistic involving your topic. (**Naturally works well with a descriptive report**)

Example:

Over 1 million adults and children worldwide tune in to watch the TV show, Spongebob Squarepants on a weekly basis

Dialogue:

- Dialogue features two or more people talking.

Example:

"There's nothing wrong with getting kissys from your grandmother," said Spongebob. "No, especially if you're a big baby who wears diapers!" responded Fish.

The Plan Sentence

Plan Sentence

- Tells the reader the big ideas the writer is going to write about by giving a glimpse of the key ideas in the report.
- The plan sentence can be stated, or as you become more advanced, it may be subtle or implied.

Stated Plan Sentence:

Sacrifices

Throughout the Civil War, women in both the North and the South made incredible sacrifices. They **raised children alone, managed farms, faced their enemies, and gave up cherished family heirlooms.**

Implied Plan Sentence:

Sacrifices

Throughout the Civil War, women in both the North and the South made many sacrifices. **Many of these incredible sacrifices** went unnoticed.

Stated Plan Sentence:

If Wishes Came True

If I could have anything I wanted, I would make three wishes. My wishes would **benefit the world, my family**, and, of course, **myself**.

***This wouldn't work as a descriptive report introduction. Why?**

Implied Plan Sentence:

If Wishes Came True

If I had the chance to make wishes that would come true, I'd be delighted and excited.
I know exactly how I would spend each wish.

Stated Plan Sentence:

Ben Franklin

Even though Ben Franklin was seventy years old when the American Revolution started, he still had a lot to do with the independence of the colonies. **Helping the colonists, informing people of the world about the revolution, and serving on many committees** were just some of his important contributions.

Implied Plan Sentence:

Career Choices

Choosing a career can be fun, but it is also a challenge. To help you make this important decision, **consider some advice from this year's graduating seniors.**

Activity:

1. Watch the video [Water Walkers](#)
2. Complete the following planning sentence:

After watching the Water Walkers video in LA class, I realized that basilisk lizards are fascinating animals. This creature is amazing because of its _____, _____, and _____.

Two Sentence Introductions Review

1. Hook sentence

- Decoration

2. Plan sentence

- Your 3 main ideas which will make up the body

Lastly, don't feel that you are limited to only two sentences in your introduction because of this lesson.

You are **required to have a hook and a plan sentence in your intro**, but ultimately it's your essay and you can have five sentences in your intro if you need to.

Topic Sentences

- used at the beginning of each new paragraph when the writer is explaining specific facts and details.