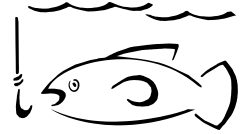


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Hook Sentences

A “hook sentence” is the first sentence in an essay or story that draws the reader in and makes them interested enough to keep reading. These sentences are very important and should be creative, yet mature and give a sense of expectation. For example, look at the revised “hook sentence” for the persuasive essay inviting Stephen Hawking to speak to Altamonte Springs:

ORIGINAL: Do you know what Altamonte Springs could benefit from?

REVISED: There is an incredibly brilliant man who would really make Altamonte Springs the talk of the town.

The revised example is more descriptive and gives the reader a better idea of what to expect out of the paper.

Practice #1: Below are sample topics and poor hook sentences. Revise the hook sentences to make them more descriptive and interesting.

1. (Topic: Food) Food tastes really good.
2. (Topic: Sea life) The ocean is full of animals and plants.
3. (Topic: Persuade principal to install additional elevators) Do you hate walking up stairs?
4. (Topic: Video games) Video games are a lot of fun.
5. (Topic: Debate about global warming) Do you know that the earth is getting hotter?
6. (Topic: Comics) Lots of kids like to read comics.
7. (Topic: Story about trolls) There once was a troll named Eagar.
8. (Topic: Favorite stores) There are many places I like to shop.
9. (Topic: Places to travel) Do you like to travel?
10. (Topic: Best pet products) There are many things that pets need.

Practice #2: On a separate sheet of paper, revise the hook sentence for your second draft. If you have not started your second draft, revise the hook sentence for your first sentence. Head your paper with the topic of your essay or story. Then staple your revised hook sentence to your second draft.