

Variety in Sentence Structure

It's is easy to simply write the first thing that comes to mind— which is often a simple subject/verb sentence structure. Try adding some variety to sentences by using these suggestions.

Dr. Robert Misbin had many sleepless nights because he was worried about a drug he was supposed to review.	
Begin with an "-ing" word (a gerund).	Worrying about what he was going to do about the drug he was supposed to review, Dr. Robert Misbin was unable to sleep.
	NOTE: The subject—who or what is doing the "ing" action must be placed directly after the phrase or it will still be a subject/verb style sentence.
Begin with an "-ly" word (an adverb).	Unfortunately, Dr. Robert Misbin had many sleepless nights because he was worried about a drug he was supposed to review.
Begin with a subordinating conjunction: until, since, before, as, if, when, although, because, as long as, or after.	Since Dr. Robert Misbin was worried about the drug he was suppose to review, he was unable to sleep.
Begin with an infinitive (a verb form starting with the word to).	To get a restful night's sleep, Dr. Robert Misbin could not worry about the drug he was supposed to review.
Begin with a preposition (a word that indicates how or when something happened, such as: after, before, since, outside, etc.)	Behind the sleepless nights of Dr. Robert Misbin is the worry of the upcoming drug review.

- Use at least two or three sentence structures in each paragraph.
- Also, vary the length of your sentences. Make some long and some short to keep the reader's interest.