APPENDIX 3J

Tools for Creating Sentence Variety – Narrative Writing

Coordinating Conjunctions - and, but, for, nor, or, so, and yet
- Mr. Rabbit visited the garden every day, and then he hopped back home.
- Jacob baked the cookies, but he forgot to bring them to school the next day.
- Stop tormenting the dog, or he will bite you.

Adverb Clauses
- Before Baby Bear knew it, the heat and the hum of the forest lulled him to sleep.
- The baby robins, when they began to hatch, were ravenously hungry.
- Butterflies clutch the undersides of leaves as other animals battle the rising wind.

Adverb clauses usually begin with subordinating conjunctions:

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Prepositional phrases
- With a gleeful cackle, the witch stirred brew round and round.
- Grandpa dropped his false teeth into a glass of prune juice and climbed into bed.
- But the wizard had already turned himself into a bird and fluttered away, out the window, over the trees, and past the castle.

Prepositional phrases begin with words like these:

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Adverbs with *ly*
- Nervously, I peered around the corner.
- His mother caressed him *gently* and crooned *softly*.

**Participles and Participial Phrases – Present Tense**
- Carrying a heavy pile of books, Matt tripped on the top step and lurched forward.
- The dog burst from the bushes, *charging at the bear*.
- A butterfly, *tickling the breeze with gentle wings*, floats like a flower on the wind.

**Participles and Participial Phrases – Past Tense**
- Exhausted, Alyson trudged home after a long day at work.
- David, *surprised to get a phone call from his brother*, was happy to hear his voice again.
- Hawk plunged to the ground, *stunned by the arrow*.

**Multiple Verbs**
- The wolf pups *tugged* at their mother’s tail and *chewed* on her ears.
- Mary *fed*, *watered*, and *herded* her little lamb towards the pasture.
- Stanley *dropped* his backpack, *flopped* down on the couch, and *sighed* unhappily.

**Appositives**
- Max, *the cat*, gathered together everything he needed and built the perfect nest.
- An avid reader, Stuart searched for books by his favourite author.
- I picked up the kitten, *a ball of fluff small enough to fit in my hand*.

**Paired Adjectives**
- Sad and lonely, the young dragon lived a solitary existence.
- Deep in the woods the lynx crouched, *still and silent*.
- The child, *alone and afraid*, wandered through the woods.

**Adjective Clauses**
- Students who want to play tag should meet by the swings.
- The package *that arrived this morning* is on his desk.
- The mouse, *whose eyes were darting all around*, caught sight of the menacing creature lurking in the grass.
- I heard the announcement to gather at the speed-skating track for the last event of the day, *which was the Men’s 1000 meter race*.