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Chapter 4 Lesson 3 (pp. 43–45)

Use Sentence Variety



Activity Rewrite each paragraph below to improve sentence variety. Vary the sentence beginnings, lengths, and structures.

Tip

Use a subordinate clause, phrase, or adverb to begin some sentences.

1. You see them all the time, and you probably think there is nothing special about them. You probably don't know that squirrels are very interesting animals. Did you know that there are 268 species of squirrels? Did you know that chipmunks, prairie dogs, and flying squirrels are also part of the squirrel family? Did you know that chipmunks are often confused for ground squirrels? The difference between them is that ground squirrels have a long tail.

2. Crickets make sound, or “chirp,” by rubbing their wings together. There are some interesting facts about crickets’ chirping. There are formulas that people use to detect the temperature outside based on the number of chirps a cricket makes. As the temperature drops, crickets chirp more slowly. As it rises, they chirp more quickly. Male crickets chirp to attract females during mating season. Male crickets on an island in Hawaii have lost their ability to chirp. These male crickets stopped chirping because deadly parasites used sound to detect the crickets and invade their bodies. These male crickets now “hang around” noisy insects. These male crickets hope to attract females this way.
