

B. Random Selection of Sentence Forms From a Published Work

This exercise is a more freewheeling exercise, since students do not need to identify every sentence form in every sentence,

Students find an interesting book or article. Then they methodically read through any section or sections of the book or article, locating examples of the Forms that have thus far been learned. The sentences are copied, and the correct Form Code or number is written beside or below the sentence.

See the chart on the next page for examples of sentence forms culled from the book on the NASA's successful trips to the moon, *Moon Shot*.

The culled sentences can be sorted by chapter or sequence within the passage, by form code, or by merit and overall impressiveness.

RANDOM SELECTION OF SENTENCE FORMS FROM A PUBLISHED WORK		
PAGE	BOOK/SENTENCE	FORMS
<i>Moon Shot</i> by Alan Shepard and Deke Slayton		
14	<i>Eagle</i> rushed on in the grip of the gravitational pull of the moon below.	F-connector
16	Smiles, grins, and thumbs-up met his words.	S-A,B,and C
17	The fateful words winged across space.	F-connector
	People prayed.	F-subject
	Armstrong and Aldrin braced themselves for the shock of ignition as volatile propellants rushed through lines, sprayed into the ignition chamber of the powerful <u>descent engine</u> ¹ , and lit off.	ADD- noun of AC-Time-as S-A,B, and C
18	Confirmation of ignition glowed in the numbers.	ADD- noun of
	The computer – sensitive, alert, instantly responsive – fired <u>control thrusters</u> to hold the craft steady.	MS dash –adj. str.
	The <i>Eagle</i> was in full fury now, blasting away her weight and mass, slowing, slowing.	ES participle appositive R keyword S-A and B
	He saw Buzz Aldrin grinning like a kid.	V-present participle
19	Today Bales had been early for his shift, excited, filled with anticipation and wonder at what was coming.	MS word ES verbal phrase S-A and B RN-what
	Deep within the bowels of the <i>Eagle</i> were computers essential to measuring all the electronic and mechanical forces and factors that would determine the success of the lunar landing.	ADD-inversion V gerund S-A and B RN that
21	The beat speeded up.	F subject
	The closer <i>Eagle</i> came to lunar soil, the greater the need for instant judgement and reaction.	C er er S A and B
22	He had a gut feeling and an absolute conviction the hardware was working properly.	S A and B RN OC
	Deke grinned, turned his right thumb upward with a quick, firm, stabbing motion.	S A,B S A,B,C
	Their eyes met.	F subject
23	Neil Armstrong gripped the <u>hand controller</u> in his fist, firm and strong, with a touch honed by years of flight in jets and rockets.	MS adjS ES ext prep phr V pp
23-24	A level touchdown was their ticket to safety, survival, and the return home.	S-A,B,+C
24	Neil balanced the bug-like machine on a solid cone of fire.	ADD- noun of
	Rocks, huge boulders, and deadly craters were strewn everywhere.	S A,B,+C
24-25	His eyes and mind and hands worked beautifully with orchestrated skill.	S-A+B+C
25	Anxious and concerned, all they could do was watch.	BS adjective S
	Balancing on slashing flames and banging thrusters, Neil Armstrong calmly aimed for his new landing site.	V present participle (x 4)
	But the clock kept ticking, the precious remaining seconds slipping away like grains of sand in an hourglass.	ADD BegConj ES NP abs ADD- noun of
26	He searched the ground below, experienced eyes seeing, judging, deciding.	ES NP absolute S A,B,C
27	Four round landing pads at the end of the <i>Eagle's</i> legs rested, level, in lunar dust.	V present participle MS word
28	No birds, no wind, no clouds, no blue sky.	R word
	Charlie Duke had opened his microphone, and the wild and tumultuous celebration inside Mission Control poured and vibrated and rumbled across a quarter million miles and brought smiles to the faces of the only two living creatures on the moon.	S A+B+C

The underlined pairs of words are all examples of adjuncts. See Appendix 4 for more information on adjuncts.

PAGE	BOOK/SENTENCE	FORMS
<i>Dreamcatcher</i> by Stephen King		
11-12	Lindley has great <u>licks</u> ; he has awesome <u>dreads</u> , as well.	PP SemiColon ES w
14	The sky overhead is white and rainy, but the air is good	S A+B CC but
16	In November, when he takes his other week, he'll be with Henry and Jonesy and the Beav.	BS prep phrase MS AC S A+B+C
21	They walked into the pharmacy, and the bell over the door <u>jingles</u> .	CC and
	And in any case, he finds he has less interest these days in such things as <u>papers</u> and <u>journals</u> and <u>conventions</u> and <u>colloquia</u> .	ADD BegConj S A+B+C+D
46	The sunshine is <u>untrustworthy</u> but <u>enticing</u> .	F connector
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