

# 14 Ways to Begin a Sentence

## 1. Subject Noun

Dan had a dog.

## 2. Gerund phrase

Walking the dog makes Dan glad.

## 3. Verb or Command

Quit jerking the leash! Dan thought as Bo strained to chase the butterfly.

## 4. Prepositional phrase

[After their walk], Dan fed Bo.

## 5. Adverb, Adverb phrase, Adverbial clause

Then Dan took a nap while Bo played in the yard.

## 6. Appositive

The only dog on his street, Bo loved the neighbor's attention.

## 7. Subordinating Conjunction

Before Bo came to live with Dan, life had felt lonely.

## 8. Onomatopoeia or Interjection

Man! Dan was grateful for Bo!

## 9. Noun of Direct Address

"Bo, you sure are an answer to prayer," Dan mused as he watched Bo race toward him.

## 10. Relative Pronoun (Clause as subject)

Whoever doesn't have a dog misses out on the best friend ever!

## 11. Infinitive

'To love is to live' became Dan's new motto.

## 12. Series followed by double hyphen OR A Tag followed by a colon and a series list.

Fellows, friends, and family—a good dog is like having all three.

A good dog provides all three kinds of companionship: a fellow, a friend, and family.

## 13. An interrupted thought

"Hey, buddy, you're—oh, nevermind about your muddy feet; come take a nap, boy."

## 14. Participle

Wagging his tail, Bo snuggled up beside Dan on the rug and dreamed of chasing rabbits.