

# Revision Technique Cheat Sheet

## 1. Begin with a prepositional phrase

- The sentence **must** BEGIN with the prep phrase! It *has* to.
- The prep phrase **HAS** to be attached to the core sentence with a comma!
  - (Beneath a clear blue sky), the woman walked her dog.

aboard	along	below	during	near	past	up
about	amid	beneath	for	next to	since	upon
above	among	beside	from	of	through	with
according to	around	between	in	off	to	within
across	at	beyond	inside	on	toward	without
after	before	by	into	out	under	
against	behind	down	like	over	until	

## 2. Appositives

- An appositive is a noun that *renames* another noun in a sentence to make it more specific.
- **Choose a noun to rename.** Choose *another* noun to rename the first one, making it more specific.
- The appositive **HAS** to be attached to the core sentence with a comma!
- The appositive **must** be close to the noun it's renaming.
  - The bird, a male cardinal with bright red feathers, sat in the tree.

## 3. The -ing participle

- Attach a phrase beginning with an *-ing* word to a core sentence. The participle can appear in the beginning, middle, or end of the sentence.
- **Choose a sentence to add action to.**
- The *ing* participle **HAS** to be attached to the core sentence with a comma!
- The participle can appear in the beginning, middle, or end of the sentence.
  - The kids left school, screaming as they charged out the doors.

## 4. Adjectives out of order

- This revision pulls adjectives (words that describe nouns) out of order and places them *behind* the nouns they describe.
- **Choose a noun to describe.**
- The AOoO **HAS** to be attached to the core sentence with a comma!
- The AOoO has to be near the noun it is modifying (or describing).
  - Maisy, exhausted from a long night of studying, fought to stay awake during first period.

## 5. Absolute phrase

- An absolute is created by pairing a noun with an *-ing* verb: a “blank blanking.”
- Choose a noun to modify.
- Think of a noun that can be doing something (blank-blanking) that will add detail to your sentence.
- Always attach the revision to the core sentence with a comma!
- Absolutes can appear anywhere in the sentence, but it must be clear what they are modifying.
- The blank-blanking does NOT have to be at the front of the phrase.
  - A car sped down the street, engine roaring loudly.