

# Studying Syntax

<b>Short = 1-5 words</b> <b>Medium = 6-12 words</b> <b>Long = 13-22 words</b> <b>Boxcar = 23 words +</b>
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Sentence Number	Sentence Length	First five words	Verb(s)	Notes about this sentence
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**Directions:**

1. For SENTENCE LENGTH, count the words in each sentence and write in the total number. Then label S, M, L, or Bx according to the key in the top right corner.
2. For FIRST FIVE WORDS, write in the first five words for each sentence. If a sentence has less than five words, write those.
3. For VERBS, write in all the verbs of the sentence (helping, action &/or state-of being).
4. For NOTES, write in anything interesting or noteworthy about the sentence.

**After studying the length and beginning patterns of ten consecutive sentences, explain what works well with the syntax and what you could revise for greater variety, interest, or effect:**

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