

Dress – ups & Openers

A Quick Guide

Dress – ups and openers are very simple to use. Adding dress – ups and openers to your work helps to improve the overall quality of the writing. When adding dress – ups and openers, remember to only mark them in regular pencil, and only mark them when specifically asked. For instance, you would not mark dress – ups and openers if you were writing a letter to your grandparents. Only mark when specifically directed!

Dress – ups

- Dress – ups are very easy to use. Dress – ups can be adjectives, adverbs, or verbs that help describe your writing.
 - Adverbs describe verbs
 - Adjectives describe nouns
 - Verbs used for dress – ups should show action
- Remember, don't just add *any* adjective, adverb, or verb to your writing. You only want to add quality words.
 - Example, don't write *the girl yelled*. Instead write *the girl shrieked*.
- Dress – ups are underlined in regular pencil. Do not highlight unless specifically directed.

Examples

I saw a beautiful butterfly flying in the sky. It had scarlet wings with sapphire blue spots. It delicately flew across an emerald green field. My baby sister shrieked when it landed on her head.

- Please note, there are several examples of adjectives, adverbs, and verbs in this example. Only the “strong” adjectives, adverbs, and verbs were marked. Words that

- *Thought 1 – Because we were so well behaved*
- *Thought 2 – we earned an amazing prize*
 - *A comma separates the two thoughts.*
- *Inside* is a prepositional opener (#2). A small o was put above the word. The number 2 was written in the margin. The sentence works as a clausal opener because two distinct thoughts are being expressed.
 - *Thought 1 – Inside the box*
 - *Thought 2 – there was a new classroom computer*
 - *A comma separates the two thoughts.*

Now you are ready to add dress – ups and openers to your writing.

Final Example

I got a birthday present today. It was inside a box.

2 I carefully opened it and peeked inside. Inside the
 box, I found a tiny baby puppy. I jumped for joy and
 5 squealed in delight. Since my parents bought me an
adorable puppy, I will have to be more responsible at
 home.

Dress – ups

carefully – adverb

peeked – strong verb

squealed – strong verb

adorable – adjective

Openers

Inside – prepositional opener

Since – clausal opener