UKS2 Uplevelling Sentences



What Does 'Uplevelling a Sentence' Mean?

To 'uplevel' a sentence is to make a boring sentence interesting by including more advanced grammatical features, such as changing...

'The wolf guarded the babies.'

into

'Curiously, the calm, nurturing wolf, who normally growled at humans, guarded the vulnerable, abandoned babies.'

How has this sentence been improved?

What Has Been Added?

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Click on the grammatical features used to uplevel the sentence to find out more about them.

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Can you see how much more interesting this sentence has become now that we know some extra details?



Fronted Adverbials

Fronted adverbials are words or phrases at the beginning of a sentence which are used to describe the action that follows, such as:

Without hesitation, Riyad reached up to grab the ball.





Every evening, Maiya practises with her guitar.

Cheekily, Liza smiled when she saw her cards.





Expanded Noun Phrases

An expanded noun phrase provides extra information about the noun. You can use **adjectives** or **modifying nouns** to give more information within your sentences, such as:

some exciting holiday brochures





a cute, pink pig

the majestic, magical unicorn





Relative Clauses

A **relative clause** gives us extra information about the noun in the main clause. It is connected to the main clause by a **relative pronoun**.

Examples are:

The squirrel, which was half way up the tree, clung onto the trunk.





Sebastian, who was previously undefeated, now stands in fourth place.

The storm, that was predicted yesterday, almost capsized the boat.

