

Introductory Phrases: A Way to Begin

An **introductory phrase** sets the stage for the rest of the sentence. It is like a clause, but it does not have its own subject and verb.

- When you use an introductory phrase in a sentence, you are telling the reader that the main information is coming next.
- Sometimes, it needs to be followed by a comma.

Example: According to the students, they returned to the classroom after recess.

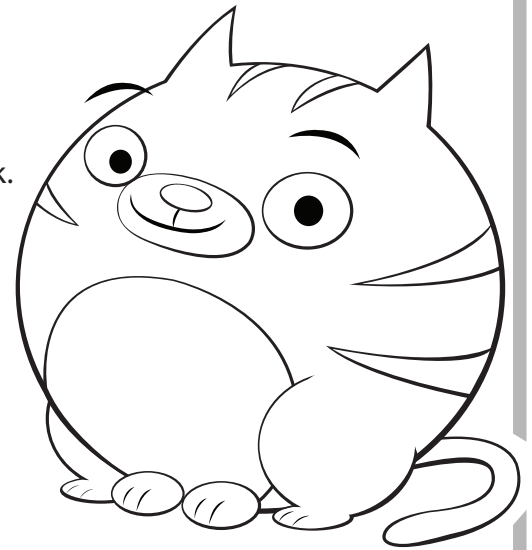
← introductory phrase

Part 1

Directions: Underline the introductory phrase in each sentence.

1. At the beginning of the story, Amalyah was given a present.
2. When she opened the present, she expected to find a new book.
3. Instead, it was an actual bug.
4. According to the text, Amalyah dropped the box.
5. After that, she learned more about the bug.
6. For example, she measured it.
7. Later that night, the bug went back into the box to sleep.
8. Where is an **introductory phrase** found in a sentence? Complete the sentence below.

An introductory phrase can be found at the _____ of the sentence.
beginning middle end



Part 2

Directions: Use the Word Bank of introductory phrases to complete each sentence. Be sure to use the context in the sentence to help you pick the best introductory phrase!

9. _____ I was cautious when I crossed the street.
10. _____ the robber had red hair.
11. _____ we need to get to the movie early.
12. _____ I knew he wanted to be my friend.

Word Bank

When he smiled at me,
As I was walking home,
According to the evidence,
Before the rain,
To get a good seat,