

Varying Your Sentence Structure

Rewrite the following sentences so that they do not start with the subject (i.e. 'she' or 'he'). You can do this by:

1. Moving the verb to the beginning of the sentence, for example:
She waited in the darkness until she fell asleep.
becomes
Waiting in the darkness, she fell asleep.
2. Moving the final word at the end of the sentence to the beginning of the sentence, for example:
She waited in the darkness until she fell asleep.
becomes
Sleep came upon her as she waited in the darkness.
3. Moving the whole of the second part of the sentence to the beginning, for example:
She waited in the darkness until she fell asleep.
becomes
Until she fell asleep, she waited in the darkness.

Now try changing the three following sentences so that they do not begin with 'she' or 'he':

1. She crept along the corridor until the darkness covered her.

2. He held his breath and waited patiently.

3. She wiped the tear away from her eye leaving a smear of mascara on her cheek.

Now change the sentences around in your piece of descriptive writing to make it more interesting. Use the examples above to help you.