

Stylistic Techniques for Writing

- 1. Eliminate Banned Words**
- 2. Verbs (and *dual Verbs)**
- 3. Adjectives (and **dual adjectives)**
- 4. Adverbs**
- 5. Figures of Speech (simile, metaphor)**
- 6. NTSBTS (no two sentences begin the same)**
- 7. Opening sentence**

1. Circle all banned words and replace them with a higher level word. (Ie: Slang, cool, sad, like, any IM terminology.)

2. Circle at least one verb per sentence and replace it with one (or two) verbs from the thesaurus.

3. Underline all nouns. Think of at least one (preferably two) adjectives and use them. Join the adjectives with a comma + and, but, even, yet.

4. Put adverbs in front of all of your verbs. (See adverb list).

5. Find an image or situation in your paragraph. Think of something that is similar to it and create a thoughtful metaphor or simile to enhance that section of your writing.

6. Make sure no two sentences begin with the same word

7. Make sure you have an engaging opening that does not repeat the topic.

*Dual Verbs: Some types of dual verbs are like running and jumping or skipping and falling. It is two verbs put together to make a more drastic effect in writing!

**Dual Adjectives: He was a tall, tanned, attractive, rich and outdoorsy.