

# CLINCHER SENTENCES

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## Lesson 1A

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** In the following paragraphs, draw one line under the Clincher Sentence, and circle the concluding transition word or phrase.

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Most soft drinks are made of soda water, sugar, and flavorings. In 1772, the first soda water was made in England although soda water didn't become popular until after the 1830s. Each 8-ounce glass of soft drink contains 8 teaspoons of sugar, and soft drinks can include lemon, cherry, grape, and lime flavorings. Now, the average American drinks 500 8-ounce glasses of soft drinks per year, according to the Department of Agriculture. As can be seen, soda water is a very popular drink in America today.

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People train for at least four years before they can become certified as teachers. Most importantly, in their classes, they learn how to teach students. Next in importance, they must learn their subject matter, so they can transfer that knowledge to their students. Finally, they must know how to construct and grade papers and tests and lead discussion classes. Thus, becoming a teacher takes determination, lots of hard work, and many years of training.

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Some animals have special names when they are young. For example, a baby goat is known as a kid while a baby sheep is known as a lamb. For other examples, baby frogs are tadpoles, baby dogs are puppies, and young cats are kittens. Young bears are called cubs. To conclude, many young animals have different names than their parents; can you think of any more?

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Learning to play volleyball takes practice, patience, and padding. Volleyball is a game that is not learned easily. First, the skills that a player needs, such as serving, bumping, spiking, and setting, require long, hard hours of practice. Another requirement is a lot of patience as the player repeats drills to learn these skills over and over again. The third requirement, padding on a player's knees, makes good sense because many times a player must dive for the ball and collide with the hard floor. In summary, playing volleyball well requires lots of effort and hard knocks.

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When you're interviewing for a job, you need to ask questions concerning the job's benefits. First, does the job have health insurance coverage? Second, is dental care included? Third, are there recreational benefits? Fourth, what is the vacation plan, and do bonuses come under the benefit package? In conclusion, these are just some of the questions you should ask when interviewing for a job.

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1. John Marshall was appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and he served on it for 34 years. John Marshall made the Supreme Court an important part of our national government. First, he established that the Supreme Court could overrule the states whenever there was a difference between the states and the national government. He also started the tradition that the Supreme Court had the right to decide whether a law passed by Congress was allowed by the Constitution. Finally, he established the principle that the United States government was more important than any state government. As a result of these achievements, many people call John Marshall the "Greatest Chief Justice."

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2. Jewelry, fillings for teeth, and bullets can be made out of silver. In the first place, silver jewelry is used a lot with turquoise. In the second place, many fillings for teeth are made of silver. In the third place, silver bullets were thought to help in killing vampires. In addition, since the silver in the bullet helps it to go straighter through the air, it can land truer on the target. In conclusion, silver has many varied uses.

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3. Vice principals in high schools have four major responsibilities. At the beginning of the day, they monitor attendance of the students. During school, they are in charge of disciplining the students if they have done something wrong. At the same time, they also supervise the overall running of the school, and they schedule assemblies, rallies, and awards banquets. Sometimes there aren't enough hours in a day for a vice principal to complete all of his or her jobs. As can be seen, a high school vice principal works hard and does not have an easy job.

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4. Different forms of exercise and sports help you to stay healthy and physically fit. Aerobic exercise is one type of exercise. Dancing, walking, jogging, swimming, or cross-country skiing not only help your heart and lungs, but also use up many calories. Another type of exercise includes the use of weight equipment and floor exercises to help to tone your body's muscles. Other sports such as volleyball, softball, and football can use up some calories, and they are fun. Thus, by picking one activity from each area, you would have a well-rounded fitness program that would help you to stay healthy, fit, and happy.

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5. Getting a part-time job can be a real problem for a high school student. First, locating a job that fits a student's time schedule narrows the jobs that a student can take. With fewer skills, a student will have fewer types of jobs from which to choose. Many times, jobs have an age and/or a high school diploma requirement. In summary, these problems lead to fewer jobs for students and make their task of finding a job difficult.

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When I first moved here from Wyoming, I didn't know anybody at this high school. At first, I felt very lonely and left out. I didn't even get hungry at lunchtime since I knew I would have to eat alone. One day, I met a girl, and I talked to a boy in my science class. We became friends. Now, I have friends with whom I can talk during lunch and after school. As a result, I'm not lonely any more because I have two friends.

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Transportation today can take many forms. Typically, most people prefer the automobile. With the emphasis on conserving gas, motorcycles, mopeds, or bicycles have become preferred by some as their main source of transportation. Trains or subways are other sources of transportation. Recently, people have begun to walk or jog as a form of transportation. In conclusion, whether it's on wheels, rails, or legs, transportation plays an important role in peoples' lives.

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A well-done job application helps employers judge a person's ability to be organized, to follow directions, and to work neatly. First, you should read all the instructions and plan your answers before you write them on paper. Also, use a good pen to print your answers neatly. If mistakes are made, erase them instead of crossing them out. In addition, you should be prepared to list past work experiences by already having a list of your previous jobs, employers, and salaries. Above all, be honest, accurate, and as complete as possible. As you can see, learning to complete a job application is an important and practical skill.

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The Exploding Star and Condensation Theories are just two explanations of how our solar system began. Authors of the Exploding Star Theory think that a star close to the sun exploded, and the material from the explosion formed planets. Authors of the Condensation Theory say that a large cloud of gas and dust in space cooled, became smaller, formed planets, and that this process took 100 million years. No one knows for sure which of these theories is correct. Thus, time and further exploration of these two theories are needed to prove which theory represents the true beginnings of our solar system.

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On February 23 and 24 of 1942, the California coast was under attack, but most people were unaware of the attack. First, a long-range Japanese submarine came up the Santa Barbara Channel and cruised close to shore. In the next half-hour, it fired about 30 shells inland. People driving along Highway 101 thought it was an American submarine firing practice rounds. The next night, batteries of gunshots from unidentified aircraft rang out over Los Angeles. To conclude, these two incidents during World War II were the only times the U.S. mainland has been under attack.

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A newspaper is made up of at least eight parts. On the front page can be found national, international, and important local happenings. The next section usually deals with opinions belonging to both the readers and editors. Further back in the paper, other interesting and informative columns can be found, including sports, comics, weather, TV and movies, and syndicated columns. In sum, a newspaper contains a variety of sections.

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The look of wigs has changed over the centuries. In the beginning, ancient Egyptians wore shoulder-length, tightly curled wigs dyed bright colors. In the 1600s, gentlemen wore very long, elaborately curled wigs. By the 18th century, there were special wigs for doctors, clergymen, military men, and lawyers. Now, in the 20th century, people still wear wigs. They wear them for fun, when their hair is dirty, or when they are bald, but today's wigs are often not identifiable as wigs at all. In conclusion, wigs have been worn during various periods throughout history, and the way they look has changed from being very conspicuous to not being noticeable at all.

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Maoris are the native people of New Zealand. They are the descendants of people from Polynesia who crossed the Pacific in canoes and settled on the island of New Zealand hundreds of years ago. Once, these people were great warriors. Now, they are tall, handsome, and friendly. In addition, they are very poetic; they are also graceful dancers and skilled woodcarvers. Therefore, New Zealand was populated by a talented group of settlers.

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Color televisions have red, green, and blue substances on the inside of the picture tube. First, these substances are in little dots which glow when they are hit by a stream of electrons. These dots are too small to be seen; therefore, our eyes see continuous colors rather than dots on the TV screen. Second, the substances are the primary colors: red, green, and blue. Combining these three colors gives off all the colors that are needed. Thus, these substances are important in helping color televisions truly have "living color."

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A new way of using garbage has been developed, and this involves burning garbage in large furnaces. First, the heat from the furnaces makes steam. Then, the steam is used to drive the motors in electric generators. Finally, some of the heat is used to heat office buildings and homes. Summing it all up, although most cities still just dump their trash, garbage is becoming an important national resource in providing energy.

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