

2) Biography

Words and phrases to use at the start of sentences

Time openers (adverbials of time)

- As a child . . .
- During his early life . . .
- At a young age . . .
- In his early years . . .
- As a teenager he . . .
- Shortly after this . . .
- Soon afterwards . . .
- The time came for . . .
- By the time he had . . .
- Many years later . . .
- In 1878, at the age of . . . he . . .
- In the following year,...
- In his later years . . .
- Towards the end of his life . . .
- In his final years . . .

Other starters

- Either by chance or by design . . .
- As it happened . . .
- Sometimes he . . .
- Once he had . . .
- What is clear is that . . .
- Nobody is sure why . . .

Making statements

- One of the interesting things about . . . was . . .

- One of the most remarkable facts about . . .
- Strangely . . .
- Another unusual thing about . . . was . . .

Complex sentence starters *(2 clauses separated by a comma) Even though... , he...*

- Even though . . .
- Although . . .
- Despite the fact that . . .
- In spite of . . .

Expressing a viewpoint

- In my view . . .
- As I see it . . .
- I believe that . . .
- In many ways . . .
- It's difficult to understand why . . .

Speculating

- He might have been . . .
- If he hadn't . . . he would have . . .

Legacy statements

- His one regret was that . . .
- His dying wish was that . . .
- He will probably be best remembered for . . .
- His greatest achievement was . . .
- He will be remembered most of all for . . .
- His life was . . .
- His lasting legacy is that . . .