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Sentence Structure Challenge

Objective: Write a 10-sentence scene that follows a specific sentence structure pattern. The scene should flow naturally, even though each sentence follows a rule.



Writing Prompt: Your character finds a mysterious note in their backpack that wasn't there before.



Sentence 1 – Short & Sharp:

Must be 5 words or fewer. (e.g., “The note wasn’t his.”)

Sentence 2 – Compound Sentence:

Combine two ideas using a coordinating conjunction (for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so).
(e.g., “He looked around, but no one was near.”)

Sentence 3 – Question:

Ask a question that drives curiosity or tension.
(e.g., “Who would put this here?”)



Sentence 4 – Complex Sentence:

Use a subordinating conjunction (because, although, if, when, since, etc.).
(e.g., “Although he didn’t recognize the handwriting, it felt familiar.”)

Sentence 5 – One-Word Sentence:

A single, dramatic word. (e.g., “Run.”)



Sentence 6 – Descriptive Sentence with a Simile or Metaphor:

(e.g., “The paper crinkled like old bones.”)

Sentence 7 – List Sentence:

Use a series of 3–5 items or actions. (e.g., “He folded it, pocketed it, and walked away without a sound.”)



Sentence 8 – Dialogue:

Include a character speaking. (e.g., “This wasn’t here before,” he whispered.”)

Sentence 9 – Start with an -ing word:

(e.g., “Shivering, he scanned the hallway.”)

Sentence 10 – Echo or twist:

Repeat a word or idea from Sentence 1, but change its meaning or tone.
(e.g., “The note was his, after all.”)



