

Bold Beginnings

SOME WAYS TO WRITE INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions establish the direction your writing is going to take. A good introduction grabs your reader's attention and refuses to let go. But-what's a good way to begin writing? Here are some suggestions:

1. OPEN WITH A QUESTION:

Have you ever wondered how you'd survive if you found yourself alone in the wilderness?

2. OPEN WITH AN ANNOUNCEMENT:

This is not a cookbook for the gourmet. These recipes are strictly for the cook on a tight budget.

3. OPEN WITH A BOLD AND CHALLENGING STATEMENT:

Contrary to what some people think, most of our learning takes place out of school.

4. OPEN WITH A QUOTATION FROM SOMEBODY:

"You're going to regret this." That's what my best friend Liza said as I got on the roller coaster.

5. OPEN WITH A RIDDLE OR A PUZZLE FOR THE READER:

What textbook has no pages, is miles wide, smells like a creek and has been around for millions of years? That's right-Outdoor School.

6. OPEN WITH A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE:

I'm still glad I didn't cry at the funeral, though I did in my room later.

7. OPEN WITH HOW YOU FELT:

My hands were sweaty! My teeth wouldn't quit chattering. Prickly fingers ran up my spine. What would happen next?

