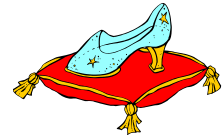




Fairy Tale Mix-Ups

Somebody-Wanted-But-So Sentence Variety



SWBS—or Somebody Wanted But So—is a great way to sum up the plot of a story. It is also a great complex sentence! We are going to practice sentence variety by coming up with new plots for some of our favorite fairy tales using SWBS. First, summarize the original plot of your chosen fairy tale using SWBS:

Example: (Somebody) Cinderella (wanted) wanted to go to the ball, (but) but her evil stepmother and stepsisters sabotaged her and she was unable to go, (so) so her fairy godmother cast a spell that lasts until midnight for her to attend. (Somebody) Cinderella (wanted) wanted to stay, (but) but the spell ended and she ran away and lost her glass slipper, (so) so the prince searched the kingdom and found Cinderella whose foot fit the lost shoe; they lived happily ever after.



Next, come up with a new plot using the same characters and setting using SWBS:



Example: (Somebody) Cinderella (wanted) wanted to be a DJ at the prince's ball, (but) but her evil roommates destroyed her equipment and she was unable to go, (so) so her fairy spinmaster cast a spell to repair her equipment that would last until 3 AM and Cinderella could play. (Somebody) Cinderella became really popular and the prince wanted to dance all night, (but) but everything disappeared when the spell ended and she ran away embarrassed, leaving a glass microphone behind, (so) so the prince searched the kingdom and found Cinderella whose voice matched what he heard through the glass microphone; she now has a long-term contract as the Royal DJ.

Once you have your mixed-up fairy tale, you should have at least two (2) SWBS complex sentences. Revise your mixed-up fairy tale by dividing up the 2 sentences into a mix of simple, compound, and complex sentences. You can elaborate and add more descriptive language until you achieve a complete paragraph containing at least 5-7 complete and varied sentences.

Example: Once upon a time, Cinderella wanted to be a DJ at the prince's royal ball. She worked day and night on her music mixes. However, she lived with two evil roommates who were jealous of her talent. They destroyed all of her expensive DJ equipment in a malicious rage. Cinderella was devastated. Without her equipment, there was no way she could perform at the ball. Suddenly, her fairy spinmaster appeared and he cast a spell that magically repaired everything! Now she could perform! Cinderella impressed the prince so much, he wanted to dance all night. Yet 3 AM arrived and POP! All of her equipment disappeared and Cinderella fled the palace in embarrassment, her glass microphone that had remained dropped behind her. The prince didn't care though, and searched the kingdom the next day for the maiden whose voice matched the one he heard through the glass microphone. When he arrived at Cinderella's house, her roommates were livid, but the prince knew the moment Cinderella's voice echoed through the glass microphone that she was the one. Forever after, Cinderella performed at the palace as the Royal DJ and she was eternally happy.



