

Exercises: Patterns to Identify

Here are five repeated sentence patterns. Using these as models, create your own.

1. *A sentence that has two clauses connected with a conjunction.*
 - a. Rapunzel escaped from her tower, the white rope and yellow.
 - b. Jack grabbed the burning bag of gold, the giant grabbed and provoked.
 - c. Blackbirds gathered together, Cinderella's sisters got nervous.
 - d. The queen laughed, the queen laughed.
2. *A sentence that joins two clauses with a colon (in this pattern, the clause that comes after the colon will explain a word or idea in the first clause).*
 - a. The shining hair, long, and long, of gold suddenly seems one thing: Jack had been in the house.
 - b. Rapunzel was the girl her mother's last words: "Keep out of the forest."
 - c. There is one important thing to remember about magic spells: they don't like being called spellbooks.
 - d. Little Red Riding Hood learned an important lesson: wolves like to hang up in women's clothing.
3. *A sentence that contains a series of words that are separated by commas.*
 - a. Rabbits, cats, dogs, and chickens, and chickens.
 - b. With courage, patience, and kindness, Rapunzel overcame many difficulties.
 - c. Strapping her hands, strapping her feet, and fastening her ears, the queen will catch her last last children.