



# -ly Openers Word Mat



## -ly Openers to Build Tension

Cautiously creeping down the pathway,  
 Swiftly running for cover,  
 Calmly working out their escape route,  
 Horrifically wounded and barely breathing,  
 Desperately looking for a way out,  
 Frustratingly coming to another dead end,  
 Exhaustedly hammering on the front door,  
 Bewilderedly searching for daylight,  
 Ridiculously lost and running out of time,  
 Ferociously growling at the helpless sisters,  
 Aggressively brandishing her weapon,

## -ly Openers to Convey Characters' Feelings

Embarrassingly late again,  
 Shockingly moved by the harrowing story,  
 Excitingly tearing open her Christmas presents,  
 Disappointedly finishing last in the race,  
 Gleefully skipping into school,  
 Proudly watching the children playing,  
 Regrettably informing the passengers,  
 Critically glaring around the room,  
 Furiously scolding the workers,  
 Nervously walking up to the front,  
 Miserably packing up her things,

## -ly Openers to Describe Settings

Strikingly beautiful,  
 Gradually appearing through the trees,  
 Unimpressively early,  
 Lusciously moist and teeming with wildlife,  
 Vividly bright and colourful,  
 Perfectly warm and comfortable,  
 Terribly later than planned,  
 Stunningly impressive,  
 Shockingly cold and windy,  
 Magnificently imposing and bathed in sunlight,  
 Extravagantly decorated and luxurious,

## -ly Openers to Add Action

Silently moving through the dead of the night,  
 Athletically sprinting for the bus,  
 Noisily slurping his milkshake,  
 Painfully limping on her twisted ankle,  
 Boisterously play fighting,  
 Restlessly fidgeting in her seat,  
 Pathetically shuffling along the road,  
 Hurriedly getting dressed,  
 Carefully avoiding the giant spider webs,  
 Comically rolling out of bed,  
 Abruptly coming to a standstill,

