

Model/share-write start of a monologue, noting use of present tense, rhetorical questions, emotive language etc. Focus on varied sentence openers using adverbial phrases (e.g. when, after, before, since, until, during) & a range of sentence types.

Possible insertions

Possible changes

Adverbials of time

E.g. *This **dark** night has been the longest of my life **and/;** since those **arrogant** soldiers arrived, drinking my ale and insulting me in my own home, everything has changed. My mind is reeling from one shock after another. First I discover that my own **precious** daughter has been associated with a highwayman. A common thief, no less! Am I to believe such outrageous accusations?*

*Then, if that wasn't enough, those drunken fools have tied up Bess to the foot of her own bed and locked me in the **/this dank** cellar, down here with the rats. They plan to use her as bait to catch their prey, but I worry about what they might do with those loaded guns.*

*Now I hear the clock chiming twelve - it seems to toll like the death-knell. What's that? The sound of hooves on the highway!/: **H/he** is coming!*