**I can use techniques to improve basic sentences**

Michael heard his dog barking.

****The boat rocked.

The sails flapped.

Michael woke up on a beach.

**Some techniques to improve our sentences**

**Add and adjective.**

**Strengthen the verb.**

**Add an adverb and move it to the front of the sentence.**

**Begin with the verb and add to the sentence.**

**Add a phrase.**

**Add a subordinate clause.**

**Example:**

Michael heard his dog barking.

Hearing his black and white sheepdog barking ferociously, Michael quickly jumped up from the helm of the yacht to see what all the commotion was about.