SYNTAX REFERS TO A BUNCH OF THINGS:

Sentence types

* + Simple Sentence (contains a subject and a verb and completes a whole thought)-e.g. *The pug chews. The pug chews loudly. The pug chews in his sleep.*
  + Complex Sentence (contains one independent clause and at least one [dependent clause](http://www.uottawa.ca/academic/arts/writcent/hypergrammar/claustyp.html#dependent%20clauses).) E.g. *The pug chews loudly whenever the moon is full. Whenever the moon is full, the pug chews loudly.*
  + Compound Sentence (consists of two or more independent clauses (aka simple sentences) joined by coordinating conjunctions (and, but, for, nor, or, yet, so.) E.g. *The pug chews loudly, but he is still adorable.*

Sentence length-vary the lengths to avoid monotony

Sentence variety-to keep writing vivid, vary the structure of your sentences; don’t form every sentence with subject/verb/predicate.

* For example, instead of this: The red firetruck’s blaring siren ousted folks from their beds at the midnight hour.
* You can do this: At the midnight hour, the red firetruck’s blaring siren ousted folks from their beds.
* Or this: Ousting folks from their beds at the midnight hour, the red firetruck’s siren blared.

Repetition-purposefully repeating key words/phrases can add emphasis and balance to your writing

Parallelism-ideas are made equivalent in part of speech, number (singular/plural), and importance.

* + **Unparallel**: Even before he meets the ghost, Hamlet is sad, restless, and feels that something is wrong.
  + **Parallel**: Even before he meets the ghost, Hamlet is sad, restless, and suspicious.
  + **Unparallel**: Jan likes both taking hikes and to play tennis.
  + **Parallel**: Jan likes both taking hikes and playing tennis.

Active and passive voice-active voice is generally cleaner and crisper than passive voice.

* + **Active**: After the first quarter, we watched the marching band perform.
  + **Passive**: After the first quarter, a performance of the marching band was watched.
  + **Active**: John invited me to the dance.
  + **Passive**: I was invited by John to the dance.

Parts of Speech-nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs

Verb choices and verb tense

Punctuation

“Word order syntax is” **-YODA**