

## What Is A Sweet 16?

A Sweet 16 is used as a sentence opener. It will help students develop a two part, more complex sentence.

After	Even if	Though
Although	Even though	Unless
As	If	Until
As long as	In order that	When
As soon as	Once	Whenever
Because	Since	Wherever
Before	So that	While

Here is a typical simple sentence: The cat ran.

Now by asking students to pick any Sweet 16 and putting it at the beginning of this sentence “The cat ran” he/she will in part achieve a more interesting and complex sentence.

### **Example:**

After the cat ran, he took a nap.

Because the cat ran, he avoided being eaten by the fox.

Until the cat ran, we were afraid it would be hit by the speeding car.

How can I effectively use a Sweet 16 to restate the prompt.  
Easy.....

**Here is an example:**

Think about your family. In several paragraphs explain **what** you most appreciate about your family.

**After** a great deal of thought, I have decided what I most appreciate about my family. First of all...

Or

**Because** I have such a fantastic family, it is easy for me to explain what I most appreciate about them. First of all...

**Until** I had this writing assignment, I didn't realize how much I appreciated my family. To begin with....