How to Read The Book

Lesson 5—Sentences¹

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Step 1: Grasp the text in their town. What did the text mean to the			?	
Step 2: Measure the width of the river. What are the betw	ween the biblica	l audience and us	?	
Step 3: Cross the principlizing bridge. What is the		in this text?		
Step 4: Consult the biblical map. How does this theological principle	with the	of the	?	
Step 5: Grasp the text in our town. How should individual	today	the princip	ole?	
Introduction				
A Word of Caution				
The First Step				

What to Look for in Sentences

- 1. Repetition of Words
 - a. 1 John 2:15-17
 - b. John 15:1-10
 - c. 2 Corinthians 1:3-7
- 2. Contrasts
 - a. Proverbs 14:31
 - b. Proverbs 15:1
 - c. Romans 6:23
 - d. 1 John 1:5-7
- 3. Comparisons
 - a. Proverbs 25:26.
 - b. James 3:3-6
 - c. Isaiah 40:31
- 4. Lists
 - a. 1 John 2:16
 - b. Galatians 5:22-23
- 5. Cause and Effect
 - a. Proverbs 15:1
 - b. Romans 6:23

This illustration is from Grasping God's Word, 3rd Ed.

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- 6. Figures of Speech
 - a. Psalm 119:105
 - b. Isaiah 40:31
 - c. Matthew 23:27
- 7. Conjunctions²
 - a. Conjunctions are words that join two or more words, phrases, or clauses together.
 - b. Coordinating conjunctions
 - c. Subordinating conjunctions
 - d. Correlative Conjunctions
 - e. Conjunctive Adverbs
 - f. Romans 6:23
 - g. 2 Timothy 1:7-8
- 8. Verbs
 - a. Tense—
 - b. Mood-
 - c. Voice-
 - d. Colossians 3:1
 - e. Ephesians 1:11
 - f. Participles.
- 9. Pronouns
 - a. Ephesians 1:3
 - b. Philippians 1:27-30
- 10. Adjectives
 - a. Colossians 3:12
 - b. Proverbs 15:1
 - c. Participles
- 11. Adverbs
 - a. An adverb modifies a verb, adjective, or another adverb.
 - b. Adverbs answer these questions:
 - c. They also confirm that something was or was not done.
 - d. Luke 22:62
 - e. 1 Peter 1:22
- 12. What parts of speech did I leave out?

Let's Try It Out

Romans 12:1-2—Record everything you see that we have talked about today

At home this week, see how many observations you can make about Acts 1:8. My textbook I'm using says you should be able to come up with at least 30. Come back prepared to give feedback on how the experience went for you. We won't have time to review it together, but I do want to hear from you!

²Check out Elizabeth O'Brien's site http://www.english-grammar-revolution.com. I love this site! It is so helpful for explaining things like conjunctions and sentence structure. The examples and definitions here are from this site.