

# Consulting Syntax References

## Patterns and Breaks in Patterns

Consult one of the texts below or a similar reference to answer the questions.

- *Fowler's Dictionary of Modern English Usage*
- *A Dictionary of Modern English Usage*
- *Tufte's Artful Sentences*

Consult your choice of reference texts to see if any of the following might help you to achieve the effect you are going for in your draft:

- a pattern of rhythm
- a pattern in sentence length
- a pattern in first word or last word
- a pattern in punctuation usage



What does the reference say about using and breaking patterns?

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How might using and/or breaking a pattern help you achieve an effect in the piece of writing you are working on right now?

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