

Sentence Combining: Paragraph Edit

Grades 6–8

Apply everything you've learned to revise a choppy paragraph.

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The paragraph below is made of short, choppy sentences. Rewrite it on the lines provided, combining sentences using conjunctions, relative clauses, and appositives so it flows smoothly. There is no single correct answer — aim for clear, varied sentences.

Choppy paragraph to revise:

The dog was in the yard. The dog was digging a hole. The hole was deep. The sun was hot. The dog kept digging. A bird landed nearby. The dog looked up. The bird flew away. The dog went back to digging. It found an old bone.

Your revised paragraph:

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Sample answers shown below. Wording may vary — accept any grammatically correct combined sentence.

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Sample revised paragraph (many correct versions are possible):

The dog was in the yard, digging a deep hole. Although the sun was hot, the dog kept digging. When a bird landed nearby, the dog looked up, but the bird flew away. The dog went back to digging and found an old bone.