

Combining Sentences

COMBINING SENTENCES EFFECTIVELY

DIRECTIONS Combine the sentences in each item. You may have to delete, rearrange, or add words. Make your corrections in the space between the lines. Use the headings above each set of sentences to guide you.

Example The bird sat and watched the bug. ^{intently} The bird watched intently.

Inserting Single-Word Modifiers and Prepositional Phrases

1. Matt snowboarded down the steep slope. His snowboarding was careful.
2. Dad prepared chicken. Dad prepared the chicken with teriyaki sauce and pineapple.
3. On the northern shore of Great Salt Lake, Robert Smithson created *Spiral Jetty*. Robert Smithson created it with over six thousand tons of material.

Inserting Participial and Absolute Phrases

4. LouAnn was frustrated with her project. LouAnn flung her materials across the table.
5. The family had traveled a great distance. The Morris relatives celebrated the homecoming with a week-long reunion.

Inserting Appositive Phrases

6. Augustine Washington was George Washington's father. He died when George was ten.

Coordinating Ideas

7. Lined up like boxcars, the traffic inches along. Flashing taillights signal the lurching stops and starts.
8. The computer is equipped with a USB port. The printer is equipped with a serial port.

Subordinating Ideas

9. The storm blew into town, tossing shingles, trash cans, and children's toys to nearby yards. I found my plastic water bottle wedged between two boards of a fence.
10. Chris's personality traits make him a pleasure to work with. Chris's personality traits include creativity, enthusiasm, and integrity.

COMBINING SENTENCES FOR STYLE

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Example ^{Watching} ~~The campers watched~~ the lake, ^{the} ~~The~~ campers saw the trout.

11. The bulbs are tulip bulbs. The bulbs are planted six inches below the surface of the ground.
12. We were surprised by some Grammy Awards. The awards recognized new musical artists.
13. The music is for guitar. The music is marked with *V*'s. The *V*'s indicate when to strum.
14. Franklin Delano Roosevelt is known as FDR. FDR held the office of President. The President declared war on Japan.
15. Edouard Manet never exhibited with the impressionists. The impressionists considered Manet their unofficial leader.
16. Frédéric Chopin played the piano. Frédéric Chopin was a nineteenth-century composer. Frédéric Chopin was Polish.
17. Glutathione occurs in plant tissues and glutathione occurs in animal tissues. Glutathione helps the body in oxidation-reduction processes.
18. Benjamin Franklin helped Thomas Paine immigrate to the colonies. Thomas Paine wrote *Common Sense*. *Common Sense* presented arguments for colonial independence.
19. Susan Feniger is a chef. Mary Sue Milliken is a chef. The chefs prepared spicy food on a television show. They are two of the authors of the cookbook *Mexican Cooking for Dummies*.
20. The *Iliad* descended from oral tradition. The *Odyssey* descended from oral tradition. Homer is credited with organizing the two stories in the written form known today.

REVISING A PASSAGE

DIRECTIONS The following passage contains sentences that need to be improved. The parts that need to be improved are underlined. Use what you have learned to revise the passage in the following ways:

- Insert phrases
- Coordinate ideas
- Subordinate ideas

Example I gave up baby-sitting, ^{after} I took a job as a horse trainer.

The Pleasures and Trials of Baby-sitting

When I was about twelve years old, I overheard my neighbor, Mrs. Pulman, say, (21) “I couldn’t survive without the help of my baby sitter. My baby sitter is practically my right hand.” To know that she appreciated the many afternoons and Saturday nights I had spent caring for her children made me feel good. Looking back, I realize that baby-sitting had both advantages and disadvantages for me.

My baby-sitting business grew and provided me with several benefits. I acquired the reputation of being responsible and reliable. People like Mrs. Pulman recommended me to other families. However, making money was the best part. I always had cash in my pocket. (22) I didn’t have to ask my parents for advances. These advances were made on my allowance. Whenever a friend had a birthday, I could buy a gift. If I wanted to get something at the mall or go to a movie, I would. Just about any time I found myself short of cash, I could find a baby-sitting job. I liked all of these advantages.

Nevertheless, I have begun to see the downside of baby-sitting. (23) I made a lot of money. I did not save very much of it. After all that time and work, I had only two hundred dollars. How was I going to pay for college? I also realized that I had no other job experience. (24) My friends had held jobs at the mall. They worked as interns for local businesses. I had only fed children, changed diapers, and watched countless episodes of my favorite sitcoms. Another unpleasant surprise awaited me when I got a “real” job: taxes and insurance were taken out of my check. As a baby sitter, I had missed some important lessons.

While I was baby-sitting, I reaped the rewards work can bring. However, I did not understand the value of money and I wasted a lot of what I made. Now I am watching my budget and saving a portion of my weekly check. (25) None of us can change the past. We can learn from it.

Chapter Tests

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Sample answers follow.

- Even sophisticates cannot help but enjoy the moment. ^{When} Mary Hatch and George Bailey fall into the swimming pool beneath the dance floor.
- The movie includes not only amusing scenes, ^{but it includes} dramatic ones as well.
- Rather than pursuing ^{his} dreams and travel around the world, George chooses to stay in Bedford Falls and help his family.
- Comedy and drama intertwine with the sudden appearance of Clarence. ^{George's} guardian angel.
- ^{Because} The scene of George asking for his life back is so touching, ^{Audiences} shed tears.

Chapter 11

p. 58 | Combining Sentences Effectively

Sample answers follow.

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- Dad prepared chicken. ~~Dad prepared the chicken~~ with teriyaki sauce and pineapple.
- On the northern shore of Great Salt Lake, Robert Smithson created *Spiral Jetty*. ~~Robert Smithson created it~~ with over six thousand tons of material.
- LouAnn was frustrated with her project. ^{LouAnn} flung her materials across the table.
- ~~The family had~~ traveled a great distance. ^{Having} The Morris relatives celebrated the homecoming with a week-long reunion.
- Augustine Washington ^{was} George Washington's father. ^{He} died when George was ten.

- Lined up like boxcars, the traffic inches along. ^{Flashing} taillights signal the lurching stops and starts.
- The computer is equipped with a USB port. ^{but} The printer is equipped with a serial port.
- ^{After} The storm blew into town, tossing shingles, trash cans, and children's toys to nearby yards. ^I found my plastic water bottle wedged between two boards of a fence.
- Chris's personality traits ^{make him a} pleasure to work with. ^{Chris's} personality traits include creativity, enthusiasm, and integrity.

p. 59 | Combining Sentences for Style

Sample answers follow.

- ~~The bulbs are tulip bulbs.~~ ^{tulip} The bulbs are planted six inches below the surface of the ground.
- We were surprised by some Grammy Awards. ^{that} The awards recognized new musical artists.
- ~~The music is for guitar.~~ ^{guitar} The music is marked with V's. ^{which} The V's indicate when to strum.
- ^{President} Franklin Delano Roosevelt ^{is} known as FDR. ~~FDR held the office of President.~~ ^{President} The President declared war on Japan.
- ^{Although} Edouard Manet never exhibited with the impressionists. ^{they} The impressionists considered ^{him} Manet their unofficial leader.
- Frédéric Chopin ^{played the piano.} Frédéric Chopin ^{was} a nineteenth-century ^{Polish} composer. ~~Frédéric Chopin was Polish.~~

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~~Glutathione~~ helps the body in oxidation-reduction processes.
18. ^{After} Benjamin Franklin helped ^{him} Thomas Paine immigrate to the Colonies. ^{which} Thomas Paine wrote *Common Sense*. ~~Common Sense~~ presented arguments for colonial independence.
19. Susan Feniger ^{and} is a chef. Mary Sue Milliken ^{is a chef}. ~~The chefs~~ prepared spicy food on a television show. ~~They are~~ two of the authors of the cookbook *Mexican Cooking for Dummies*.^o
20. The *Iliad*, ^{and} descended from oral tradition. ^{however,} The *Odyssey* descended from oral tradition. Homer is credited with organizing the two stories in the written form known today.

p. 60 | Revising a Passage

Sample answers follow.

21. "I couldn't survive without the help of my baby sitter. ^{who} My baby sitter is practically my right hand."
22. I didn't have to ask my parents for advances. ~~These advances were made on~~ my allowance.
23. I made a lot of money, ^{but} I did not save very much of it.
24. My friends had held jobs at the mall, ^{or} ~~They~~ worked as interns for local businesses.
25. None of us can change the past, ^{however,} ~~We~~ can learn from it.

Chapter 12

p. 61 | Varying Sentence Beginnings

Sample answers follow.

1. ^{Quickly,} The runner grabbed the water and drank it quickly.
2. The stuffed bunny looked worn and dingy, ~~as it~~ lay on the bed. ^{In the backyard,}
3. The grass and flowers grow quite well ~~in~~ the backyard.
4. Sometimes my brother and I get bored on long weekends and holidays.
5. The quarterback felt frustrated by the incomplete passes ~~and~~ asked for a timeout. ^{Clapping and cheering,}
6. People clapped and cheered and rose to their feet after the performance.
7. You smash avocado and mix it with tomatoes, onion, and seasoning ~~to make~~ guacamole. ^{To make guacamole,}
8. Simira studies, participates in class, and completes assignments, ~~to earn an A.~~
9. The shoppers deliberated about their purchases because the makeup shelves displayed a rainbow of nail colors.
10. College applicants request application packages after they identify the colleges they want to attend.

p. 62 | Varying Sentence Structure and Reducing Wordiness

Sample answers follow.

11. ~~You must know where your money goes~~ to balance a budget. ^{You must watch every} dollar you spend.