

Exercise 1 **Editing for unity**

Read the two paragraphs. Draw a line through the sentences that are irrelevant. The first one is done for you. There are six more.

Having my friends and family together at my wedding was an amazing experience. I had not seen some of my uncles, cousins, and aunts for many years. ~~My cousin Tom lives in London, where he works as an engineer.~~ Both my mother and father were born in different countries, so my relatives are scattered all over the world. I really like traveling and have been to Europe and Asia. Although we try to get together for important occasions, this was the first time everyone could attend. Most importantly, my good friends had never met my relatives. Developing good friendships takes a lot of work. Watching them all dancing, laughing, and having a wonderful time will stay in my memory forever.

The band we hired played music that the guests loved and we danced for hours. My original guest list had over 200 people, but I had to cut it down to 150. It was difficult finding a group that could play all the diverse styles that I wanted at the wedding. Most bands specialize in one or two different kinds of music. However, these musicians really knew all types of music—from 1940s jazz and swing, to salsa, merengue, and even hip-hop. My brother was once in a rock and roll band. In short, there was music to suit everyone's tastes. I loved the singer's dress. It was incredible. Even my grandparents danced all night.