

# Connect to Writing

**The Harvest Birds**

 Grammar:  
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You can combine short, choppy sentences to make your writing smoother. You can combine sentences by **joining single words in a series**. You use commas to separate the nouns or verbs in a series. Remember to add *and* after the last comma.

| Short, Choppy Sentences                                                | Longer, Smoother Sentence                   |
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| Carla watched crows.<br>Carla watched gulls.<br>Carla watched pigeons. | Carla watched crows, gulls,<br>and pigeons. |

**Combine three short, choppy sentences by joining nouns or verbs in a series. Write the new sentence on the line.**

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| The crows in the story walked. | The crows in the story laughed. | The crows in the story talked. |
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| Carla told Ramon about the crows. | Carla told Ed about the crows. | Carla told Lisa about the crows. |
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3. 

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| The crows perched on branches. | The crows perched on wires. | The crows perched on rooftops. |
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| Ramon played with the birds. | Ramon laughed with the birds. | Ramon sang with the birds. |
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