Combining Sentences — 5th Grade

Say It Smarter!

If two sentences share the same subject, information about the subject can be written as a phrase after the subject in the new sentence. Be sure to use commas to set apart the phrase from the rest of the sentence.

Sentence 1: The Amazon River is the world's largest river by water flow.
Sentence 2: It stretches more than 4,000 miles across South America.

Combined: The Amazon River, the world's largest river by water flow, stretches more than 4,000 miles across South America.

Read the sentences. Combine the ideas in each pair into one sentence by including information in a phrase after the subject in the sentence.

1. Mount Everest is the tallest mountain on Earth.
It stands 29,032 feet above sea level.

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2. The bald eagle is the national bird of the United States.
It was chosen as a symbol of freedom and strength in 1782.

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3. The human brain is the body's control center.
It uses about 20% of all the energy the body produces.

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4. Fractions are an important part of fifth-grade math.
They represent parts of a whole number.

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5. The Great Wall of China is one of the world's most famous structures.
It stretches over 13,000 miles across northern China.

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6. Thomas Edison was one of history's most productive inventors.
He held more than 1,000 patents during his lifetime.

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