

Improving Sentence Patterns: Combining Sentences

A good writer will change sentence patterns to make the writing more interesting to the reader. One way to change the pattern is make sentences longer by combining two sentences together. Too many short sentences in a paragraph makes the text sound choppy and boring. Combining sentences makes the text flow more smoothly, and the text becomes more interesting.

Example:

The dog ran to the fence. It began to bark.

Change to: The dog ran to the fence and began to bark.

Rewrite the sentences below combining the sentences. You may add words, such as conjunctions, as needed. Be careful to keep the meaning of the new sentence the same as the original.

1. Joshua biked to school. Elizabeth went in a car.
2. The circus clown juggled china plates. She also rode a blue bicycle.
3. Monday is a school holiday. The class will take the test on Tuesday.
4. The blue chair is too big. The brown chair is too small.
5. I washed the dishes yesterday. I made the beds today.