

# Shortening sentences

## Grade 5 Sentences Worksheet

Shorten these sentences to make them clearer.

Shortening sentences can make writing more powerful.

1. I didn't do my homework, which meant that I then wasn't allowed to go outside for recess.

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2. The girl, who looked lost, wasn't paying any attention to her mother who was trying to talk to her.

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3. This singer on the radio that my dad owns was singing a new song that was catchy.

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4. Our sandwiches were delicious, and the toppings were yummy.



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5. We all went to the state fair, which is an event that happens every year, to ride the roller coasters and to eat cotton candy.

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6. The bands played songs that were fantastic, so we danced and danced and danced from morning until night.

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7. The man, who was tall and had a beard, was the first person to finish the race, which was impressive.

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8. You cannot go to the park unless you have a permit, which you have to buy from the sheriff's office that is nearby.

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## Answers

Answers may vary.

1. I didn't do my homework, which meant that I then wasn't allowed to go outside for recess.  
I wasn't allowed to go outside for recess because I didn't do my homework.
2. The girl, who looked lost, wasn't paying any attention to her mother who was trying to talk to her.  
The lost girl wasn't paying attention to her mother.
3. This singer on the radio that my dad owns was singing a new song that was catchy.  
This singer on my dad's radio was singing a catchy, new song.
4. Our sandwiches were delicious, and the toppings were yummy.  
Our sandwiches and the toppings were delicious.
5. We all went to the state fair, which is an event that happens every year, to ride the roller coasters and to eat cotton candy.  
We went to the annual state fair to ride roller coasters and eat cotton candy.
6. The bands played songs that were fantastic, so we danced and danced and danced from morning until night.  
We danced all day to the band's fantastic songs.
7. The man, who was tall and had a beard, was the first person to finish the race, which was impressive.  
The tall, bearded man impressively finished the race first.
8. You cannot go to the park unless you have a permit, which you have to buy from the sheriff's office that is nearby.  
You cannot go to the park unless you buy a permit from the nearby sheriff's office.