

## Shortening sentences

### Grade 5 Sentences Worksheet

Shortening sentences can make writing more powerful.

Shorten these sentences to make them more powerful.

1. I didn't do my homework, and because of this I wasn't allowed to go outside for recess.

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

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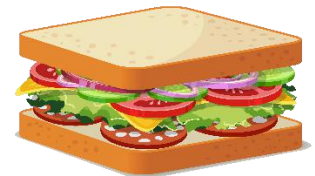
3. This singer on the radio that my dad owns was singing a new song that was catchy.

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

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5. She had to call her parents to get permission to come stay at my house so that she could stay the night.



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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 young couple, who were in love, decided to get married—which is what many couples decide to do.

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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.

- I didn't do my homework, and because of this I wasn't allowed to go outside for recess.  
Because I didn't do my homework, I wasn't allowed to go outside for recess.
- The little, baby girl, who looked lost, wasn't paying any attention to her mother who was trying to talk to her.  
The little, lost, baby girl wasn't paying attention to her mother.
- 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.
- Our sandwiches were delicious, and the toppings were yummy.  
Our sandwiches and the toppings were delicious.
- She had to call her parents to get permission to come stay at my house so that she could stay the night.  
She had to call her parents to get permission to stay at my house for the night.
- 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.
- The young couple, who were in love, decided to get married—which is what many couples decide to do.  
The loving, young couple decided to get married like others do.
- 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.