

# Shortening sentences

## Grade 5 Sentences Worksheet

Shorten these sentences to make them more clear.

Shortening sentences can make writing more powerful.

1. She didn't watch the film and because of this, she had no idea how to explain it to me.  
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2. The fluffy dog, who was running through the yard, was tearing up the grass in the yard in a very quick way.  
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3. The car that was blue and green sped down the street where my friend lives with his family.  
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4. The drinks were refreshing, so we ordered a few more to share with our friends who were thirsty.  
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5. He was required to go to school because he had to get a paper signed by his teacher who teaches math.  
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6. The girls' dance moves were fantastic because they practiced their dance just like professionals practice.  
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7. Our family, while vacationing in Texas where it was very hot, jumped into the pool where it was very cold.  
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8. It was at the time of my birthday that I received a present, which was a big surprise, from my sister.  
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## Answers

Answers may vary.

1. She didn't watch the film and because of this, she had no idea how to explain it to me.  
She didn't watch the film, so she had no idea how to explain it to me.
2. The fluffy dog, who was running through the yard, was tearing up the grass in the yard in a very quick way.  
The fluffy dog was running and quickly tearing up the grass in the yard.
3. The car that was blue and green sped down the street where my friend lives with his family.  
The blue and green car sped down my friend's street.
4. The drinks were refreshing, so we ordered a few more to share with our friends who were thirsty.  
We ordered a few more refreshing drinks to share with our thirsty friends.
5. He was required to go to school because he had to get a paper signed by his teacher who teaches math.  
He had to go to school to get a paper signed by his math teacher.
6. The girls' dance moves were fantastic because they practiced their dance just like professionals practice.  
The girls' dance moves were fantastic because they practiced like professionals.
7. Our family, while vacationing in Texas where it was very hot, jumped into the pool where it was very cold.  
While vacationing in hot Texas, our family jumped into the cold pool.
8. It was at the time of my birthday that I received a present, which was a big surprise, from my sister.  
My sister gave me a big surprise present on my birthday.