

Shortening sentences

Grade 5 Sentences Worksheet

Shorten these sentences to make them more clear.

Shortening sentences can make writing more powerful.

1. We went on a hike, which was very strenuous, up the mountain and it took us all day.

2. The boy who was tired sat on the bench at the coffee shop.

3. The teacher, who was very strict, taught a long lesson, which was quite boring, about history.

4. This is not the coffee that I ordered, so I am going to return this coffee to the counter and complain about the coffee to the manager.

5. She lost her keys, and without her keys she cannot open the door to her house, which is new.

6. My homework is lost somewhere, and I am not sure what happened to it.

7. We are planning a trip to Colorado where my family and I can hike in the mountains and I can swim in the rivers with my entire family.

8. My brother, who is a brilliant scientist, made a breakthrough discovery in his field, which was quite exciting.



Answers

Answers may vary.

1. We went on a hike, which was very strenuous, up the mountain and it took us all day.
We spent all day hiking up the strenuous mountain trail.
2. The boy who was tired sat on the bench at the coffee shop.
The tired boy sat on the coffee shop bench.
3. The teacher, who was very strict, taught a long lesson, which was quite boring, about history.
The strict teacher taught a long and boring lesson about history.
4. This is not the coffee that I ordered, so I am going to return this coffee to the counter and complain about the coffee to the manager.
This is not the coffee I ordered, so I am returning it with a complaint to the manager.
5. She lost her keys, and without her keys she cannot open the door to her house, which is new.
She lost her keys, so she cannot open the door to her new house.
6. My homework is lost somewhere, and I am not sure what happened to it.
I am not sure what happened to my lost homework.
7. We are planning a trip to Colorado where my family and I can hike in the mountains and I can swim in the rivers with my entire family.
We are planning a trip to Colorado where our family can hike in the mountains and swim in the rivers.
8. My brother, who is a brilliant scientist, made a breakthrough discovery in his field, which was quite exciting.
My brother, a brilliant scientist, made an exciting breakthrough discovery in his field.