Sentence-Combining Exercises

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**Combine each set of short sentences and fragments into one sentence.**

1. I always order cheese fries. The reason why is because they're my favorite.

2. Bob was my boyfriend. That was in high school. We dated for about eight months. Before I met Mike.

3. The tree fell on the house. This was a sycamore. Because of the high winds. But my grandmother wasn't hurt.

4. My parents gave me a car. That is why I'm able to afford to go to college. Still, I work part-time. I work at Wal-Mart. I'm a cashier.

**Combine these six pairs of sentences using the coordinating conjunctions listed below. Use each conjunction only one time.**

*(and, but, or, so, yet, nor,for)*

5. Some students stay on the sidewalks. Some students cut across the grass.

6. Students have to park far from their classrooms. They are often late for class.

7.. Trash cans have been placed all over campus. Students still throw garbage on the ground.

**Combine the same sentences above using the subordinating conjunctions listed below. Again, use each conjunction only one time.**

*(unless, because, even though, while, although, though )*

8. Some students stay on the sidewalks. Some students cut across the grass.

9. Students have to park far from their classrooms. They are often late for class.

10. Trash cans have been placed all over campus. Students still throw garbage on the ground.

11. The administration promised to improve dining hall service. The quality of the food is actually worse this year.

Directions: Using all the sentence-combining skills you have learned, revise each of the following paragraphs

for style. Use your judgment about which sentences to combine and how to combine them. Do

not change the meaning of the original paragraphs. Re-write the entire paragraph

**Example 1.** Roman architecture used many Greek elements. The Romans developed structural

forms of their own.

The forms developed by Romans include the vault. Avault is an arched ceiling. The outer

walls of a vaulted structure held up the roof. Columns were no longer needed as support. A

vault created a lofty, open space. The space was in the interior of a building. The Baths of

Caracalla are one example of a vaulted design. The Baths of Caracalla were built in A.D. 217.

The ruins of the baths are impressive. It is still possible to imagine the height and magnificence

of the original structure.