

## Revising a Paragraph by Combining Sentences

**DIRECTIONS** Using all of the sentence-combining techniques you have learned, revise the following short paragraphs. Do not change their meaning.

- Use your judgment to decide which sentences to combine and how to combine them.
- Write clear, varied sentences that read smoothly.

1. Women first played basketball in 1892. They played at Smith College. The game was introduced by Senda Berenson Abbott. She was a physical education teacher. Berenson Abbott thought the men's game was too physically demanding for women. She devised different rules. For example, players had to stay in assigned areas. Players also had to get rid of the ball after dribbling three times. Today, the rules for women's basketball are the same as those for men's. This is with a couple of minor exceptions

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2. Roger traveled to New York City to visit his aunt and uncle. His aunt and uncle were retired. His brother came along. They traveled from their home in San Francisco. For fun, they kept track of the kinds of transportation they used. They rode a bus to the cable car stop. They took the cable car to the travel agency. They took a taxi to the airport and flew to New York. In New York, they rode the subway. Then they walked from the subway to a pier. There they boarded a boat. The boat circled New York harbor. At the end of their visit, Roger was surprised. His brother was surprised, too. They had used six kinds of transportation in less than a week.

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**Revising a Paragraph by Combining Sentences****Answer Key****Answer Keys:**

**(Answers will vary. Sample revised paragraphs are given.)**

1. Women's basketball was first played in 1892 at Smith College. The game was introduced by Senda Berenson Abbott, a physical education teacher. Because she thought the men's game was too physically demanding for women, Berenson Abbott devised different rules. For example, players had to stay in assigned areas and get rid of the ball after dribbling three times. Today, the rules for women's basketball are the same as those for men's, with a couple of minor exceptions.

2. Roger and his brother traveled from their home in San Francisco to New York City to visit their retired aunt and uncle. For fun, they kept track of the kinds of transportation they used. They rode a bus to the cable car stop but took the cable car to the travel agency and a taxi to the airport to fly to New York. In New York, they rode the subway and then walked to a pier, where they boarded a boat. The boat circled New York harbor. At the end of their visit, Roger and his brother were surprised that they had used six kinds of transportation in less than a week.