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## Revising Sentences to Create Variety

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DIRECTIONS: - Each of the sentences in the following paragraph begins with a subject. Underline a word or group of words that could be placed at the beginning of the sentence.

1. My sister enjoys hiking in the woods. She is always on the lookout for wildflowers because she loves making bouquets out of them. She also keeps an eye out for wildlife. She is fascinated by birds and records which ones she sees and hears. She can spot at least seven species most of the time. She has expanded her knowledge of nature because of her hikes. She pays attention to the hidden beauties of nature and shares these with those she hikes with.

DIRECTIONS: - Use what you have learned about varying sentence beginnings to revise the following paragraph. Reword some sentences so that they begin with phrases, clauses, or single-word modifiers. Some sentences may be reworded in several ways; choose the way that seems best.

2. It isn't very fun to walk home in a blizzard. I recently found this out for myself. I left school one afternoon just it began to snow. My phone had died during the school day, so I couldn't call my mom to pick up me. I trudged through the snow to the nearest coffee shop. I charged my phone and called my mom after warming up with a coffee. I was only slightly less cold and grumpy when my mom picked me up.

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## Answer Keys:

(Answers will vary. Sample answers are given.)

1. My sister enjoys hiking in the woods. She is always on the lookout for wildflowers because she loves making bouquets out of them. She also keeps an eye out for wildlife. She is fascinated by birds and records which ones she sees and hears. She can spot at least seven species most of the time. She has expanded her knowledge of nature because of her hikes. She pays attention to the hidden beauties of nature and shares these with those she hikes with
2. Walking home in a blizzard isn't very fun. Recently, I found this out for myself. I left school one afternoon just as it began to snow. During the school day, my phone had died, so I couldn't call my mom to pick up me. I trudged through the snow to the nearest coffee shop. After warming up with a coffee, I charged my phone and called my mom. When my mom picked me up, I was only slightly less cold and grumpy.