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## Revising Wordy Sentences

**DIRECTIONS:** Revise the following paragraph, eliminating wordiness to make it clearer and more effective.

- Eliminate wordiness.
- Add details if you wish.

When they think of the phenomenon of shooting stars, most people imagine and picture being a kid or being with a kid and making a wish on the shooting star which they think is something magical or divine. But actually, in reality, shooting stars can be easily and simply explained by people who know or have studied astronomy. Shooting stars are not even actually stars at all, in fact they are really meteors that fall in meteor showers, which is what makes them look like falling stars. Meteor showers happen and occur when dust, which are tiny particles, from asteroids enter the earth's atmosphere at a really fast high speeds. This creates friction which heats up the meteors and makes them increase in temperature, and this vaporizes the meteor and makes it disappear, which causes the effect and illusion of shooting stars.

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## Answer Keys:

(Answers will vary. A sample revised paragraph is given.)

When they think of shooting stars, most people imagine being a kid and making a wish on something magical. In reality, shooting stars can be easily explained by those who have studied astronomy. Shooting stars are not stars at all, but are meteor showers. Meteor showers occur when tiny dust particles from asteroids enter the earth's atmosphere at high speeds. This creates friction that heats up and vaporizes the meteor, which causes the illusion of shooting stars.