
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. Lacrosse was invented by Native Americans. These Native Americans were part of the Algonquin tribe. They lived in the St. Lawrence Valley area. Other tribes began playing the game as well. These tribes lived near the western Great Lakes. The Native American games were massive events. As many as 100 to 100,000 players at one time. The rules of the game were simple. The ball could be moved with sticks. It could not be touched by a player's hand. The objective was to get the ball into the goal area. French Jesuits noticed the game. They named it "lacrosse." Over time, the game increased in popularity. It developed into the game we know today.

2. Ricardo travelled to Los Angeles to visit his grandparents. His grandparents were retired. His sister came along. They travelled from their home in Austin, Texas. For fun, they made note of the different types of transportation they used. Their parents drove them to a bus stop. They took a bus to a train station. They boarded a train that went to Los Angeles. It took almost a whole day to get there. They took the subway in Los Angeles from the train station to his grandparents' neighborhood. They used segues on a tour of the city. At the end of the visit Ricardo was surprised. His sister was surprised too. They had used five types of transportation during their trip.

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Answer Keys:

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

1. Lacrosse was invented by Native Americans of the Algonquin tribe who lived in the St. Lawrence Valley area. Other tribes that lived near the western Great Lakes also began playing the game. The Native American games were massive events, with as many as 100 to 100,000 players at one time. The rules of the game were simple; the ball could be moved with sticks and could not be touched by a player's hand. The objective was to get the ball into the goal area. French Jesuits noticed the game and named it "lacrosse." Over time, the game increased in popularity and developed into the game we know today.
2. Ricardo and his sister travelled from their home in Austin, Texas to Los Angeles to visit their retired grandparents. For fun, they made not of the different types of transportation they used. Their parents drove them to a bus stop where they took a bus to the train station. They boarded a train that went to Los Angeles, and it took almost a whole day to get there. In Los Angeles, they took the subway from the train station to their grandparents neighborhood, and they also used segues on a tour of the city. At the end of their visit, Ricardo and his sister were surprised that they had used five types of transportation during their trip.