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## Revising a Paragraph

**DIRECTIONS:** - The following paragraphs have many of the problems reviewed in this section. On a separate sheet of paper, Rewrite and revise the paragraphs to improve style.

- Correct nonparallel structure.
  - Correct stringy and wordy sentences.
  - Vary sentence beginnings, and add or delete details as necessary.
1. Some people have the wrong idea about the snakes called garter snakes, and these people don't know much about this snake species. They think garter snakes are dangerous, and they also think these snakes are slimy, but this is far from true. Garter snakes are often kept as pets. They are not toxic to humans. They are very common snakes. They live in many kinds of places, they live in woodlands, they live in meadows. Their skin is dry and smooth. This is the case with most snakes. Garter snakes have stripes. These stripes can be yellowish or greenish.

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## Answer Keys:

(Answers will vary. Sample answers are given.)

1. People who don't know much about garter snakes have the wrong idea about this species. They think garter snakes are dangerous and slimy, but this is far from true. Often garter snakes are kept as pets because they are not toxic to humans. They are very common, living in many kinds of places such as woodlands and meadows. As is the case with most snakes, their skin is dry and smooth. Garter snakes also have stripes, which can be yellowish or greenish.
2. Teachers in the school have been concerned about student success for years. Ms. Green, for instance, began testing her students every day to assess student progress. Thinking this caused too much stress for students, Mr. White disagreed with this method. In Mr. White's classroom, students fill out surveys about their physical health, their mental health, and how focused they are. Mr. White uses this data to inform his lessons. Sometimes he leads students in a meditation or offers snacks to students, and other times he gives students a break during class. The school gave students and parents a survey to see how they felt about the methods of Ms. Green and Mr. White, and most responses indicated a preference for Mr. White's method.