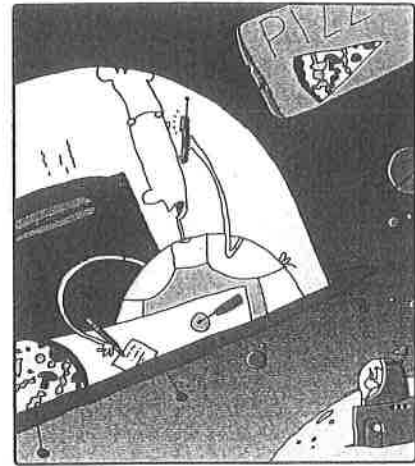


Sentence Combining with Key Words

Ideas from two or three shorter sentences can be combined by moving a key word from one sentence to the other. A key word may be an adjective, an adverb, a compound adjective, or a participle. (Turn to page 94 in *Write Source 2000* for more information.)



EXAMPLE

The pizza was just baked. + The cheese was bubbling. + The cheese was hot.

The cheese on the just-baked pizza was bubbling hot.

(In this example, three short sentences have been combined into one. Key words *just* and *baked* become a compound adjective. The key word *bubbling* is a participle.)

Directions

In each pair of sentences, underline the key word(s) in the second sentence and then move it to the first. The first one has been done for you.

1. Pizza dough can be tossed into the air. It should be tossed gently.

Pizza dough can be tossed gently into the air.

2. Good pizzas are covered with cheese. The cheese should be gooey.
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3. Peppers add color and taste to a cheese pizza. Red ones are colorful.
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4. Mozzarella cheese is made from skim milk. The milk has no fat.
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5. Those homemade pizzas were delicious. They were topped with pepperoni.
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6. Pesto sauce looks strange on pizza. Pesto sauce is green.
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7. Sometimes pizza tastes good for breakfast. The pizza should be cold.

8. Many restaurants have Italian-sounding names. These restaurants serve pizza.

9. The chef baked a pizza. He was scowling.

10. The pizza was too hot to eat. It was steaming.

11. Pizza delivery people drive fast. They drive extremely fast.

12. My brother got a job as a restaurant mascot. He got it Friday.

13. It is hot and smelly inside the mascot's costume. The costume is insulated.

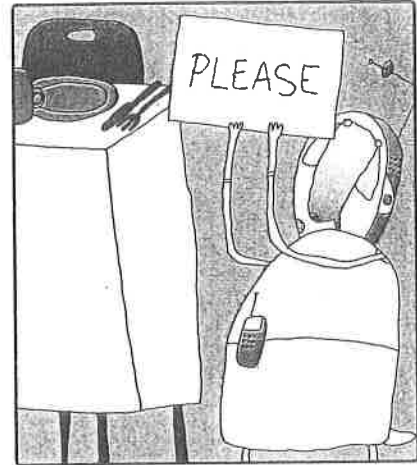
14. The mascot waved to the children. The mascot was smiling.



Next Step Write five short sentences using the following subjects:
(1) The girl . . . (2) The boy . . . (3) The teacher . . . (4) The dog . . .
(5) The monster Pair up your sentences with a classmate's. Then
use key words to combine the sentence pairs. Don't worry if some of the
new sentences don't seem very logical. The idea is to combine the
sentences with key words.

Sentence Combining with Key Words

When you combine sentences, you make one smoother, more detailed sentence out of two or more short, choppy ones. One basic way to combine shorter sentences is to move a *key word* from one sentence to the other sentence. To see how this is done, study the examples below and the ones in your handbook. (Turn to page 94 in *Write Source 2000* for this information.)



EXAMPLES

Shorter Sentences:

Clyde's sister eats constantly. Clyde's sister is hungry.

Combined Sentence Using an Adjective:

Clyde's hungry sister eats constantly.

Shorter Sentences:

My mom loves coffee in the morning. She grinds it fresh.

Combined Sentence Using a Compound Adjective:

My mom loves fresh-ground coffee in the morning.

Shorter Sentences:

Tasha's dog begs for food at dinner. Tasha's dog slobbers.

Combined Sentence Using a Participle:

Tasha's slobbering dog begs for food at dinner.

Shorter Sentences:

I plan to go on a diet. I will go on the diet tomorrow.

Combined Sentence Using an Adverb:

Tomorrow I plan to go on a diet.

Directions

Combine the following sets of short sentences into longer ones, using the types of key words asked for in parentheses. Underline each key word you use. The first one has been done.

1. Aunt Mae made liver and onions for dinner. She cooked dinner yesterday.
(adverb)

Aunt Mae made liver and onions for dinner yesterday.

2. I like dogs. I like them when they are small. (**adjective**)

3. The wolves circled the dark cabin. The wolves were howling. (**participle**)

4. During the emergency, we dialed 911. We dialed quickly. (**adverb**)

5. My shoes hurt my feet. My shoes are new. (**adjective**)

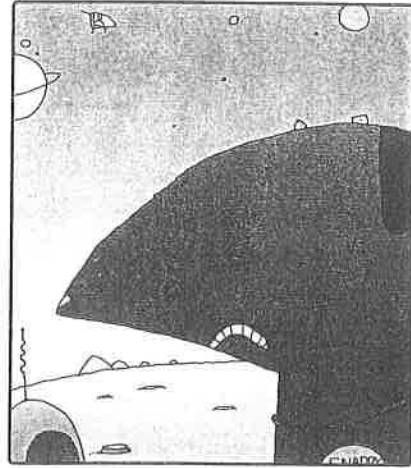
6. The baseball fan received the last ticket. The baseball fan smiled.
(**participle**)

7. My sister's hair is scary looking. My sister's hair is pink. (**adjective**)

8. Glinda ate a doughnut. It was filled with jelly. (**compound adjective**)

Sentence Combining with Key Words

Sometimes a single word can make a world of difference in a sentence. One added key word can provide just the extra touch needed to add impact to your sentence. If you have used two sentences to explain something, it's always a good idea to see if you can combine the two sentences by "borrowing" a key word from one and adding it to the other. Combining sentences by using key words can help you create more concise, mature sentences. (Turn to page 94 in *Write Source 2000*.)



EXAMPLES

Combining with an Adjective:

John's brother nibbles "munchies" between meals. He is younger than John.

John's younger brother nibbles "munchies" between meals.

Combining with a Participle:

Ji's dog scares people. Ji's dog snarls.

Ji's snarling dog scares people.

(*Snarls* has been changed to its participle form.)

Combining with an Adverb:

I passed my English test. I passed it yesterday.

Yesterday, I passed my English test.

Directions

In each pair of sentences, underline the key word(s) in the second sentence and then move the form of that word (indicated in parentheses) to the first sentence.

1. Eligia did the exercises with ease. The exercises were difficult. (*adjective*)

Eligia did the difficult exercises with ease.

2. I have to mow my overgrown lawn. I will mow the lawn later. (*adverb*)
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3. The fans stormed onto the field. The fans screamed. (*participle*)
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4. Juan wrote an essay on endangered species. It amazed everyone. (*participle*)

5. Jeison loves salsa. He loves it hot and spicy. (*adjective*)

6. The crowd loved the play. The crowd cheered. (*participle*)

7. I lost my wallet at the movies. I lost it last week. (*adverb*)

8. The sun made me squint. The sun was setting. (*participle*)

9. I changed the flat tire on the side of the road. I changed it quickly. (*adverb*)

10. Bill's basket saved the game for us. He made it at the last minute.
(*compound adjective*)



Next Step Write five pairs of sentences suitable for key word combining. Exchange your sentences with a classmate. Each of you should combine the sentences you received from your classmate.