

# Style

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Too many short simple sentences can make your writing dull and choppy. Create a smooth, flowing **style** by combining simple sentences to create compound or complex sentences.

**Simple Sentences** We were tired. We wanted to reach the summit.

**Compound Sentence** We were tired, but we wanted to reach the summit.

**Complex Sentence** Although we were tired, we wanted to reach the summit.

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**Directions** Combine the two short, choppy sentences. Use the word in ( ). Write the compound or complex sentence.

1. It was after noon. We reached the summit. (when)

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2. We were hungry. We hadn't eaten lunch. (because)

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3. There was a cold wind. We felt warm inside. (but)

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4. Dad spotted an eagle. My brother saw our car far below. (and)

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5. We started down. We took many photographs. (before)

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6. We reached the car. I wanted to go up again. (after)

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**Directions** Write a short narrative about a place that you love to visit. Include at least one compound sentence and one complex sentence.

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