

Style

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.

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

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

It was after noon when we reached the summit.

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

We were hungry because we hadn't eaten lunch.

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

There was a cold wind, but we felt warm inside.

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

Dad spotted an eagle, and my brother saw our car far below.

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

Before we started down, we took many photographs.

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

After we reached the car, I wanted to go up again.

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

I like many places, but I like the basketball courts at Grove Street best.

When I'm there, I'm always happy. The sound of the balls bouncing is like music to me. If I ever get the money, I'll have my own basketball court.