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Sentence Surgery Sample Answer Key

1. The dog was running fast down the street.

Your Fix (Sample): The dog sprinted down the street chasing a squirrel.

Gemini's Fix (Sample): The dog raced quickly down the street.

Best Version: The dog sprinted down the street chasing a squirrel.

(Improved by using a vivid verb and adding detail.)

2. The movie was good, and I liked the ending a lot.

Your Fix (Sample): The movie was exciting, and the ending surprised me.

Gemini's Fix (Sample): The movie was enjoyable, and the ending was satisfying.

Best Version: The movie was exciting, and the ending surprised me.

(Improved word choice and tone.)

3. The teacher talked loudly to the class because the students were not quiet.

Your Fix (Sample): The teacher raised her voice to get the noisy class's attention.

Gemini's Fix (Sample): The teacher spoke loudly to quiet the students.

Best Version: The teacher raised her voice to get the noisy class's attention.

(More concise and natural phrasing.)

4. I went to the store and bought some things I needed.

Your Fix (Sample): I went to the store to pick up groceries and school supplies.

Gemini's Fix (Sample): I went shopping for a few essentials.

Best Version: I went to the store to pick up groceries and school supplies.

(Added specificity and detail.)

5. The cake was big, and everyone said it tasted very good.

Your Fix (Sample): The huge cake disappeared fast because everyone loved it.

Gemini's Fix (Sample): The large cake was delicious, and everyone enjoyed it.

Best Version: The huge cake disappeared fast because everyone loved it.

(More natural and descriptive.)