

Clearer Combined Steps Answer Key

Answers will vary. A strong combined step should:

- merge both ideas into one sentence,
- show logical order,
- avoid unnecessary repetition,
- include clear action verbs.

Example acceptable combined steps:

1. Turn on the sink and place your hands under the running water.
2. Open the laptop and press the power button to start it.
3. Take out the worksheet and place it neatly on your desk.
4. Add the sauce to the noodles and stir until they are coated.
5. Find the email and click it to open.

Teacher's Guide

- Use this worksheet to help students strengthen **sentence combining**, a key skill in producing clear process writing.
- Explain that how-to writing often becomes choppy when steps are too short or too simple.
- For differentiation:
 - Provide sentence starters for students who need structure, such as Begin by or After you.
 - Allow emerging writers to practice orally before writing their combined steps.
 - Challenge advanced students to add detail or sequence words for clarity.
- For engagement:
 - Let partners read each other's combined steps and check for clarity.
 - Turn it into a speed round where students combine steps quickly but accurately.
- For extension:
 - Ask students to create their own pairs of short steps for classmates to combine.
 - Encourage students to revise an existing how-to paragraph by combining weak or repetitive steps.