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## Clause Cutback

**Directions:** Each sentence below is long and complex with **extra phrases and clauses**. Your task is to **reduce it** so that only **one independent clause** and **one dependent clause** remain. Keep the meaning clear but make the sentence shorter and more direct.

1. Because the rain was pouring heavily throughout the night and the streets were flooding quickly, we decided to stay home and watch a movie instead of going to the party.

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2. Although she was tired after running three miles with her friends in the park, she still decided to review for her math test and finish her history homework.

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3. Since the teacher explained the directions clearly at the beginning of class and provided examples on the board, the students were able to complete the assignment without asking for help.

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**Challenge Sentences:** Reduce the following even longer sentences into just **one independent and one dependent clause**.

4. Even though I wanted to buy the new shoes that were on sale at the mall, I decided not to because I am saving money for a trip, and I know I don't really need them.

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5. If you practice the piano every day after school for at least thirty minutes and pay attention during lessons, you will get better quickly and impress your teacher at the recital.

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6. Since the electricity went out when the storm hit the neighborhood, we lit candles in the living room and played a board game together until the power returned.

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