

Sentence Stretchers Answer Key

Possible Expansions

1. The student forgot his math book on the desk in the crowded classroom.
2. The teachers finished their lesson, and they assigned extra practice for homework.
3. Every runner carried his or her water bottle across the long track during practice.
4. The committee made its choice after debating for over an hour about the school policy.
5. Neither of the brothers remembered his key when he rushed out the front door.
6. The girls carried their backpacks filled with heavy textbooks down the long hallway.
7. Somebody lost his or her umbrella near the park bench during the thunderstorm.
8. The twins shared their lunch happily because the cafeteria line was too long.
9. Each puppy wagged its tail excitedly when the children entered the yard.
10. One of the pencils broke its tip during the math test and rolled off the desk.

Teacher Notes

- This activity develops two skills at once: **pronoun-antecedent agreement** and **sentence development**.
- Encourage students to: identify the **antecedent**, match the pronoun correctly, and add **descriptive details** without changing the agreement.
- Common errors: when students expand a singular antecedent into a plural image but forget to adjust the pronoun (e.g., "Every runner carried **their** water bottles").
- Extension idea: Have students write **mini-stories of 3-4 sentences** using at least three antecedent-pronoun pairs.