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Expand And Improve

Directions: Some writing sounds *choppy* because it uses too many short sentences. You can make your writing smoother by (1) **reducing** the short sentences into one combined sentence, and then (2) **expanding** it with extra detail (adjectives, adverbs, appositive phrases, or prepositional phrases).

Example:

- Choppy: The dog barked. The dog was loud. The dog stood at the gate.
- Reduced: The dog barked loudly at the gate.
- Expanded: The dog, a huge German shepherd, barked loudly at the gate in the afternoon.

1. The boy ran. The boy was fast. The boy carried a ball.

2. We went to the store. The store was new. The store sold clothes.

3. She opened the book. The book was old. The book had a torn cover.

4. The teacher spoke. The teacher was calm. The teacher gave instructions.

5. The car stopped. The car was red. The car made a loud noise.
