

Expand And Improve Answer Key

(Students' answers will vary; any smooth and logical reduction plus expansion is acceptable.)

1. Reduced: The boy ran fast while carrying a ball.
Expanded: The boy, a young athlete, ran quickly across the field while carrying a ball.
2. Reduced: We went to the new store that sold clothes.
Expanded: We went to the new store at the corner of Main Street that sold fashionable clothes.
3. Reduced: She opened the old book with a torn cover.
Expanded: She opened the old book, a dusty novel with a torn cover, on her desk.
4. Reduced: The calm teacher gave instructions.
Expanded: The teacher, calm and patient, gave clear instructions to the noisy class.
5. Reduced: The red car stopped and made a loud noise.
Expanded: The red car suddenly stopped in the street, making a loud screeching noise.
6. Reduced: I saw a long movie with great actors.
Expanded: I saw a long movie starring great actors at the crowded theater.

Teacher Notes

- **Key Concept:** Students should practice reducing multiple simple sentences into one smooth sentence, then **expanding** that sentence with detail to enrich the meaning.
- **Flexibility:** Answers will vary widely; focus on clarity, correctness, and the presence of both reduction *and* expansion.
- **Tip:** Encourage students to use descriptive words, appositives, and prepositional phrases to add depth.
- **Extension Idea:** Have students “trade sentences” with a partner and try reducing and expanding each other’s choppy writing.