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The Story Stretch

Directions: Below you'll see groups of short, choppy sentences. Your job is to **combine and expand them into one smooth mini-story paragraph**. Use conjunctions, relative clauses, appositive phrases, prepositional phrases, or other expansion tools to make the story flow.

1. The sun was bright. The children went outside. They played soccer. They laughed.

2. Maria had a backpack. The backpack was blue. She carried books. She carried her lunch. She walked to school.

3. A storm was coming. The sky grew dark. The wind blew hard. Rain began to fall. People ran inside.

4. The teacher gave directions. The students listened. The students took notes. They prepared for the test.

5. The family went to the park. They brought sandwiches. They brought drinks. They had a picnic. They sat under a tree.

