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Flow Check Practice

Directions: Read each sentence **aloud** (or listen as your teacher reads it). Decide if the sentence sounds **smooth** (flows naturally and sounds like real speech) or **choppy** (short, disconnected, or awkward). Then explain **why** you think it sounds that way: is it because of punctuation, length, rhythm, or word choice?

1. The rain fell. The street was wet. The cars splashed through puddles.
2. Birds sang softly in the trees as the sun began to rise.
3. I went to the store. I bought milk. I went home.
4. The bright, colorful balloons floated gently into the summer sky.
5. The wind blew. It was cold. We ran inside.
6. After finishing her homework, Maya practiced piano until dinner time.
7. The dog barked loudly. The mailman jumped.
8. The old library smelled of paper, dust, and quiet stories waiting to be read.
9. We went to the park, played soccer, and ate sandwiches under a shady tree.
10. The cat slept. It woke up. It yawned.