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Practice

Choosing Concise Words and Phrases

Choose concise words and phrases to avoid wordiness in your writing.

- **Combine sentences** that have a shared subject.
- **Use pronouns** to replace repetitive nouns.
- **Avoid using** "there is" and "there are" construction.

Combine each pair of sentences into one new sentence.

1. Emma is a heroine who does what she wants. She is good-natured but spoiled.

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2. Emma decides to become a matchmaker. This decision leads to nothing but trouble.

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Rewrite each pair of sentences by using pronouns to replace repeated nouns.

3. Mr. Knightley doesn't let Emma get away with things. In fact, Mr. Knightley and Emma argue often.

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4. Emma befriends Harriet Smith. Harriet and Emma are together all the time.

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Rewrite each sentence to eliminate "there is" or "there are" construction.

5. There are food restrictions that Emma's father tries to get everyone to follow.

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6. There is an exchange between Emma and Mr. Knightley that is the turning point for Emma's character.

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