



English I: Writing: Module 7: Lesson 1: Section 2

Polish Tone, Style, and Figurative Language

Adding Specific Details

Instructions: The sentences below are very general. They do not answer questions your audience might want to know such as “How” or “In what ways?” Add details to the sentences to make them more convincing and persuasive. The first example has been completed for you. Click in the “Added Details” box for each sentence and enter three additional pieces of information that will satisfy your audience’s appetite for nourishing details. Finally, use your details to revise the sentence. When you’re finished, click the button at the bottom of this page to see sample revisions. Again, answers will vary.

Sentence (1): Summer vacation is too short.

Added Details: 1.) It lasts just six weeks. 2.) There is not enough time to take a summer course and also go on vacation with your family. 3.) Students and teachers need more time for rest and relaxation in order to perform well during the school year.

Revised Sentence: A six-week summer vacation is not enough time for students and teachers to relax and forces them to choose between taking a summer course or going on vacation with their families.

Sentence (2): The movie was boring.

Added Details:

Revised Sentence:

Sentence (3): The hamburgers at Hamburger Heaven are the best in town.

Added Details:

Revised Sentence:

Sentence (4): The cheerleaders impressed the crowd at the football game.

Added Details:

Revised Sentence:

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Sentence (2): The movie was boring.

Added Details: 1.) It lasted over three hours, which was way too long. 2.) There was only one action sequence that was exciting. 3.) The plot was unbelievable.

Revised Sentence: The movie was boring because it had only one action sequence but dragged on for three hours with an unbelievable plot.

Sentence (3): The hamburgers at Hamburger Heaven are the best in town.

Added Details: 1.) They are made with eight ounces of grain-fed beef. 2.) The buns are baked on the premises. 3.) You have many choices of high-quality garnishes such as mushrooms, avocados, and Canadian bacon.

Revised Sentence: The hamburgers at Hamburger Heaven are the best in town because their buns are baked on the premises, their beef is grain fed, and they have a choice of high-quality garnishes such as mushrooms, avocados, and Canadian bacon.

Sentence (4): The cheerleaders impressed the crowd at the football game.

Added Details: 1.) They performed tricky acrobatic routines the crowd had never seen before. 2.) They ran up into the stands and tossed prizes to the crowd. 3.) Their spirit and enthusiasm never waned, even when our team fell behind during the second quarter.

Revised Sentence: The cheerleaders impressed the crowd at the football game by tossing prizes to them, doing stunts no one had seen before, and never waning in their enthusiasm, even when the football team fell behind during the second quarter.