

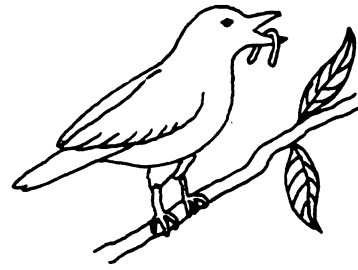
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Expanding Sentences I

Answer each question below with a group of words. Then add the words to the basic sentence to make a new expanded sentence.

Example: Basic sentence: **The bird chirped.**

How? **as loudly as it could**

Why? **because it was hungry**

Expanded sentence: **The bird chirped as loudly as it could because it was hungry.**

1. Basic sentence: **The dog barked.**

How? _____

Where? _____

Why? _____

Expanded sentence: _____

2. Basic sentence: **The teacher smiled.**

At whom? _____

Why? _____

Expanded sentence: _____

Name _____



Combining Sentences

Combine each pair of sentences below by using the conjunction **when** or **after** at the beginning of the sentence. Be sure to put a comma (,) where one is needed.

1. The tightrope walker's foot slipped during the performance. She fell unhurt into the net.

When _____

2. Auditions were held for the school play. Margo tried out for the lead role.

When _____

3. Laura untied the wide velvet ribbon and opened the large box. She laughed in delight.

When _____

4. A new gorilla arrived at the zoo. He escaped from his cage and frightened the visitors.

After _____

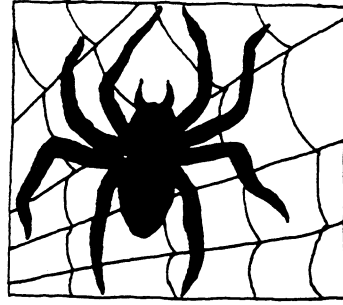
5. We went on an excursion to the zoo. We returned to school and ate lunch.

After _____

6. David and Debbie spent the day working on their science project. Mum surprised them with a popcorn treat.

After _____

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Choosing Precise Words

Words that are vague or overused can often be replaced by synonyms that are more precise. In each sentence below, cross out the word **said** and write a more precise word above it. Choose words from the box below. Do not use any word more than once.

complained	hinted	recited	stated
cried	ordered	replied	suggested
explained	praised	reported	wrote

1. The teacher said, "You have been a great class today."
2. Mother said that if we were all extremely quiet we could have our surprise.
3. The first grader said that he had lost his lunch money.
4. My little sister said that I was bothering her.
5. Dad said, "You must complete your homework before you watch television."
6. "I am late because my alarm did not ring," I said to the teacher.
7. The author said that not all spiders can see.
8. The teacher said that my picture might look prettier with a yellow border.
9. I said the ballad in front of the class.
10. The weatherman said that the cold front would bring below average temperatures.