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Focus Trait: Word Choice

Reducing and Combining Sentences

We Were There, Too!
Writing: Opinion Writing

Separate Sentences

Eight companies made up a regiment.
A regiment was also called a battalion.

Combined Sentences

A regiment, or a battalion, was made up
of eight companies.

Rewrite each sentence to make one combined sentence that does not include unnecessary words.

1. Continentals often fought in battle. They fought together with militiamen.
2. A group of boys he knew saw him coming. When the boys saw him, they began to taunt him.
3. His grandparents were unhappy, but they outfitted him with clothing. They gave him a musket and powder, too.
4. Hundreds of British warships were arriving at nearby Staten Island. On Staten Island, the warships were unloading redcoated soldiers.