

# Sentence Fluency

**The Case of the  
Missing Deer**  
Grammar: Connect to Writing

**Instead of writing two or more short sentences, you can often write one longer sentence that combines similar items. Separate the items with commas when there are more than two. Be sure to use the word *and* before the last item.**

## Choppy Sentences

A male turkey is called a tom or a gobbler.  
A female is called a hen.  
A baby turkey is called a poult.

## Combined Sentence: Items in a Series

A male turkey is called a tom or a gobbler, a female is called a hen, and a baby turkey is called a poult.

**Combine each set of sentences by using commas and the word *and*.**

**Write your sentence on the lines provided.**

1. Elephants can run 25 miles per hour. Deer can race at 40 miles per hour. Cheetahs can sprint at 70 miles per hour.
2. Deer shed their antlers each winter. They grow new ones from spring until fall. In the fall the antlers harden and can be used as weapons.
3. A young male turkey is called a jake. A young female is called a jenny. A group of turkeys is called a flock.
4. Turkeys enjoy the company of other creatures. They love having their feathers stroked.