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Sentence Fluency

Use **introductory phrases** to combine sentences when you want to vary sentence length. A comma sets off all introductory phrases.

Short, Choppy Sentences

Jared was walking home from school. He found a fossil of a mammoth tooth.

Combined Sentence with an Introductory Phrase

Walking home from school, Jared found a fossil of a mammoth tooth.

Combine each pair of sentences by changing one sentence to an introductory phrase.

1. We were visiting the museum. We saw the fossil collection.
2. The fossilized tooth weighed seven pounds. It was almost as big as my whole head!
3. Scientists discovered the bones of an 18,000-year-old man. The discovery was made during a trip to Indonesia.
4. Over 100 dinosaur eggs were discovered in India. Three explorers discovered them while hunting.
5. The hunter investigated what he thought was a reindeer. The Russian hunter discovered it was the remains of a 40,000-year-old baby mammoth.