### Adding Detail by Adding Adjectives

Change the following paragraphs to add in additional adjectives that will provide more detail for the reader.







There I was on the football pitch. The referee was constantly pulling me up for things that I hadn't really done. I could feel anger building up inside me. Our team wasn't winning, and it was making me more and more frustrated. As the ball came towards me, I went for it. Running at it, I hit a patch of mud that I hadn't seen and fell into the mud. When will this game be over?





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I was late. I was always late. I ran towards the bus stop hoping that my bus was also late today! What would the chances be? I stopped at the pedestrian crossing and waited for the cars to come to a stop to let me cross. I walked across the street and to the bus stop. I scanned the electronic timetable. My bus had left 4 minutes ago, and the next one wasn't for another 26 minutes. Just my luck!



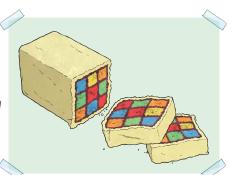




#### Adding Detail by Adding Adverbs

Rewrite the paragraph below and add in adverbs to make the verb in the sentence pop!

The time had come. Mum walked towards me with the cake on a plate, candles sizzling and smoke drifting off them. She placed the cake down in front of me. She had told me there would be a surprise to the cake but so far when I looked at it, it seemed like an ordinary cake. I took the knife and held it in my hand, blew out the candles and put the sharp tip into the icing. As I



pushed the knife into the cake, I pulled a piece away and was surprised to see what I did. There, inside the cake, was the surprise Mum had promised. Multiple coloured squares stacked on top of each other. It looked like a Rubix cube. Mum could see the excitement on my face. She smiled at me and whispered, "Surprise!" My smile went from ear to ear as I cut the cake and gave it to my friends.



### Adding Detail by Adding Conjunctions

Using the table below, rewrite the sentence/s and add in the conjunction that you think best matches the sentence. The conjunctions in the word bank can only be used once! You may need to change the sentence slightly to make it make sense.

as well as	later	but	because
as a result	as	then	in fact

- 1. The puppy wailed in the cage. It was desperate to find a new loving home to call a forever home.
- 2. I ran towards the bus as fast as I could. When I got there, I realised I was late and the bus had already left.
- 3. When I pushed my brother, the vase fell off the mantelpiece. It broke into a thousand tiny shards of sharp glass.



4. I placed the cup of tea on the saucer. I put the biscuits on a serving plate and took them out to the lounge for afternoon tea.





- Adding Detail by Adding Conjunctions 5. The cat had to go to the vet. It had a sore leg and it wasn't getting any better. "Off we go," said Mum.
- 6. Matiu stormed out of the room and slammed the door. When he thought about it, he realised that he had overreacted.
- 7. When I made pancakes, I had to follow the recipe. First I melted the butter. I added it to the sifted flour.
- 8. As I debated how much pocket money I wanted from my parents, I was sure that I was doing more than enough. I think I was even doing more!





## Adding Detail by Changing Simple Sentences to Compound Sentences

Convert the simple sentences below into compound sentences by adding a conjunction and another sentence to it. The most common conjunctions are for, and, nor, but, or, yet and so.

Eq. I needed milk for my coffee.

I needed milk for my coffee, so I went to the dairy.

1. I dashed into the service station.

2. My puppy ran ahead of me.

3. The game I wanted for my console was out of stock.

4. The football match went over time.

5. Aroha won the cross country.

6. The sunset was so beautiful.

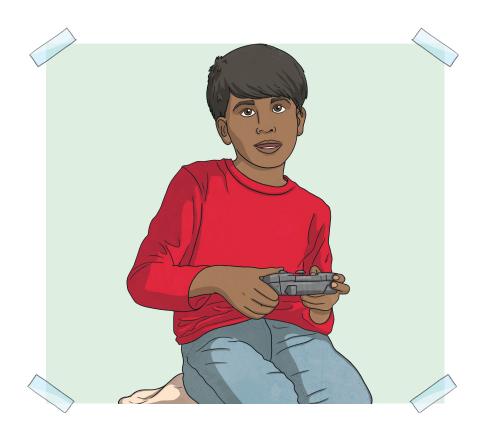


7. The ice cream began to melt.

8. Mum played music in her car so loudly.

9. Rain battered down on the rooftops.

10. Swimming sports was cancelled.







## Adding Detail by Changing Simple and Compound Sentences to Complex Sentences

The first column has a mix of simple sentences, compound sentences and dependent clauses (a group of words that do not form a complete sentence or make sense on their own).

Can you match the information to a correctly formed complex sentence in the next column?

Simple/Compound Sentences			
Because it was cold. I heated up my coffee.			
I made a snack. When I got home.			
Dad will take me to cricket practice. When he gets home from work.			
The children were exhausted. After playing Rippa Rugby for			
30 minutes. Before we go to school. Mum makes us pack our bags and lunchboxes.			
I had to show my parents. When I got my report.			
When I got to the cafe I ordered a juice. Because I don't like coffee.			
When we go to the dairy. We always get lollies.			
The rain poured and I got soaked. When I got out the car.			
I want to be a teacher. When I grow up.			

Complex Sentences			
When I got my report, I had to show			
my parents.			
Before we go to school, Mum makes us			
pack our bags and lunchboxes.			
When I grow up, I want to be			
a teacher.			
We always get lollies when we go to			
the dairy.			
When I got out of the car, the rain			
poured and I got soaked.			
I heated up my coffee because it			
was cold.			
After playing Rippa Rugby for 30			
minutes, the children were exhausted.			
• When I got home, I made a snack.			
When Dad gets home from work, he			
will take me to cricket practice.			
When I got to the cafe, I ordered a			
juice because I don't like coffee.			





## Adding Detail by Starting Sentences with a Verb

Change the order of the sentence so that each one starts with the bolded verb or an adverb. You may need to change the wording slightly, as well as the punctuation and tense.

Eg. As I **cleaned** up the toys off the floor, I found the toy plane I thought I had lost.

Cleaning up the toys off the floor, I found the toy plane I thought I had lost.

1. I **ran** through the forest, tripped over the tree roots and stumbled onto the ground.

2. Mum drove quickly through the village. I knew she was in a rush.

3. The helicopter pilot **flew** over the dense bush looking for people to rescue.

4. We jumped off the waterfall into the crisp water below. We felt instantly cold!

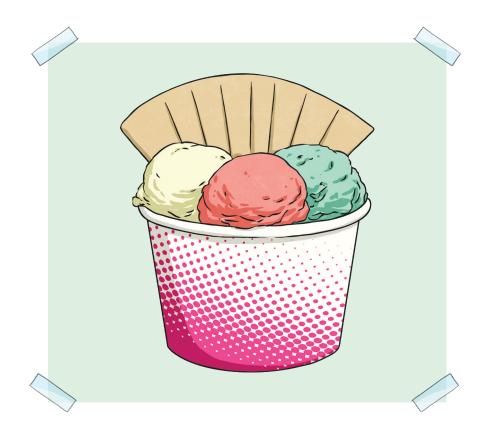
5. My friends and I watched TV before we realised we were actually bored.







- Adding Detail by Starting Sentences with a Verb 6. The cats fought tirelessly over the treats until one gobbled them all up.
- 7. Aroha **scooped** up the ice cream from the tub, making sure to get all the good bits onto her cone instead of her brother's.
- 8. Marc **played** his music through the bluetooth speaker until his Mum told him off for it being too loud.







# Adding Detail by Varying the Length of Sentences

Rewrite the paragraphs below and change them so there is a combination of short and long sentences.

I wandered through the streets of Paris, taking in all of the interesting sights and sounds. Beautiful smells wafted down the alleys, warm and sweet, drawing me into the bakeries nearby. Entering the bakery, my eyes quickly scanned the cabinets full of delicious looking cakes and pastries. Tiny signs written in cursive French describing what each one was left me dumbfounded and wishing I had paid more attention in class. Plucking up all my courage, I attempted to start ordering a pain au chocolate. Instead, a frog built in my throat and I became anxious and scared. Instead, I just pointed to what I wanted and paid the money before leaving quickly.





Running onto the pitch, I could hear the noise of the crowd pounding in my ears. My team and I lined up for the national anthem. I tried to soak in the atmosphere and make it cement in my memory. This was my first time playing rugby for the All Blacks and I was determined to remember this moment forever. At the end of the anthem, I knew I needed to get into formation for the haka. Instead, I found myself frozen to the spot I was standing in, unable to move. I realised my heart was racing and beating so loudly that I could feel my body vibrating. Suddenly, very aware of my surroundings, I didn't think I could move. Then I felt my teammate's hand on my shoulder and his words, "Ya ready, mate?" which pulled me back into the moment. "Yeah, mate," I replied.

