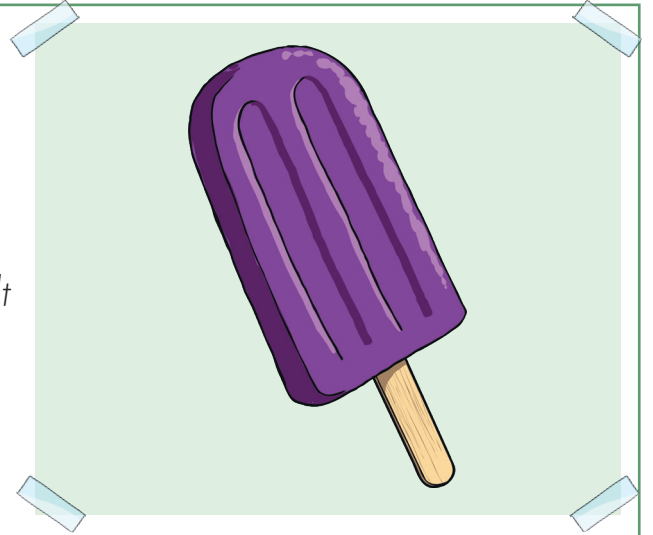


Adding Detail by Adding Adjectives

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

I was on my way to the dairy. The sun was shining in the sky and it was warm. I was excited about what I would get when I arrived there. I walked into the dairy and the owner greeted me. I stared at the lolly selection and felt the coins in my pocket ready to be spent. Once I made my selection and paid the money, the owner bagged up my lollies and I returned home.



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?



Adding Detail by Adding Conjunctions

Using the table below, rewrite the sentences 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.

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.

Eg. 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.

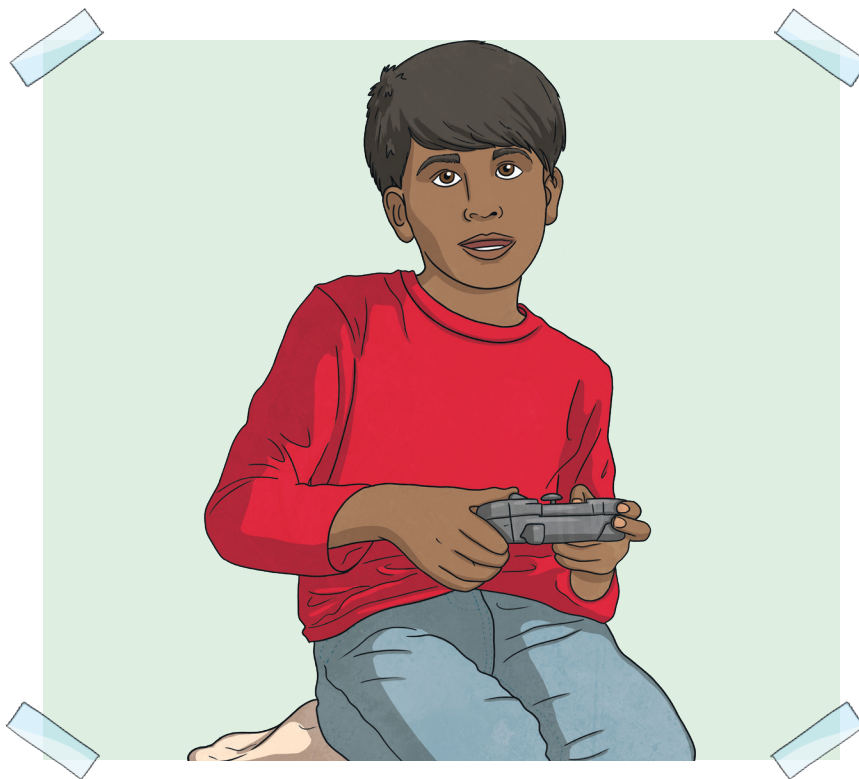
6. The sunset was so beautiful.

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

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.

