



Be Precise (Sample Answers)

1. Combine these sentences into one precise sentence that clarifies the relationship between ideas. Try different ways to combine them, and see how it changes the meaning.

John went to Vancouver. He bought an iPhone. He was at the airport to fly home. He saw great new Samsung. He was unhappy.

At the airport about to fly home from Vancouver, John saw a new Samsung and so was unhappy that he'd bought an iPhone earlier.

John bought a new iPhone in Vancouver, but was later unhappy when he saw a Samsung at the airport just before he flew home.

2. Rewrite each sentence so that it does not rely on generalizations. Select specific vocabulary to develop an interesting and detailed idea.

Video games can make kids sick.

Children who play video games too much often don't get enough physical exercise which can lead to problems of obesity.

Cell phones in the class room are a big problem.

Cell phones can distract students from learning in the classroom.