

Ellipsis and Substitution

Avoiding repetition: do so, one/ones, so, not, gapping

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KEY RULE:

Ellipsis = omit; substitution = replace with do so/one/so/not.

1 Substitution with do so / one / ones

EASY

Choose the correct substitute.

Word bank: so / one / ones / not

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. She left. John did ____ too. 3. I think ____ (that he's right). 5. I don't like these. Try those ____. 7. One chair broke; the other ____ fine. 9. She helped and I did ____ too. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Try this hat or the red ____. 4. Will it rain? I hope ____. 6. She sang well and he did ____ too. 8. I'd buy the blue ____. 10. Won't he come? I believe ____. |
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2 Ellipsis: Omitting Words

MEDIUM

Identify what is omitted or choose correct ellipsis.

Word bank: (nothing) / to / did / will

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. She can sing and I can ____ too. 3. He said he'd come and ____ did. 5. I'll try if you ____. 7. Can you help? Yes, I ____. 9. I should call but I don't want ____. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. I wanted to help but wasn't able ____. 4. She likes jazz; he ____ rock. 6. Tom passed and so ____ Jerry. 8. She likes tea, not coffee, and he ____. 10. We hoped to win and we ____. |
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3 So / Not After Reporting Verbs

HARD

Choose the correct form after the reporting verb.

Word bank: so / not

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will they agree? I expect ____. 3. Will it work? I'm afraid ____. 5. Is she coming? I hope ____. 7. Will it rain? I suppose ____. 9. Did he resign? I heard ____. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Did she pass? I believe ____. 4. Is he wrong? I think ____. 6. Did they fail? I'm afraid ____. 8. Is it correct? I believe ____. 10. Will she recover? I hope ____. |
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Rewrite Using Ellipsis or Substitution**VERY HARD**

Rewrite avoiding repetition.

1. She sang well and he sang well.

3. He promised he'd come, he came.

5. I bought the red hat not blue hat.

7. She said she'd finish, she finished.

9. I'll come if she comes.

2. I like this book. Buy this book.

4. She can help and I can help too.

6. Tom studies hard; Anna studies hard.

8. He hoped to pass and he passed.

10. They left and we left too.

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Substitution with do so / one / ones

1 so

2 one

3 so

4 not

5 ones

6 so

7 ones (were)

8 one

9 so

10 not

2 Exercise 2 Ellipsis: Omitting Words

1 (nothing)

2 to

3 he

4 (nothing - gapping)

5 will

6 did

7 can

8 (nothing - gapping)

9 to

10 did

3 Exercise 3 So / Not After Reporting Verbs

1 so

2 so

3 not

4 so

5 so

6 so

7 so

8 so

9 so

10 so

4 Exercise 4 Rewrite Using Ellipsis or Substitution

1 She sang well and so did he.

2 I like this book. Buy it.

3 He promised he'd come and did so.

4 She can help and so can I.

5 I bought the red hat, not the blue one.

6 Tom studies hard and so does Anna.

7 She said she'd finish and did so.

8 He hoped to pass and did.

9 I'll come if she does.

10 They left and so did we.