

Application and Reasoning

Step 6: Avoiding Repetition – Fiction

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 6: Linking ideas across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices: repetition of a word or phrase, grammatical connections [for example, the use of adverbials such as on the other hand, in contrast, or as a consequence], and ellipsis
Terminology for pupils:

- Ellipsis

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Application)

Developing Change the underlined nouns, within a given sentence, to pronouns to avoid repetition.

Expected Change the proper nouns, within a given sentence, to pronouns to avoid repetition.

Greater Depth Write a sentence which can be added to a specific paragraph. Include pronouns and at least one indefinite pronoun.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

Developing Extend a sentence by using a given relative pronoun.

Expected Rewrite a specific sentence from the text to include a relative clause.

Greater Depth Rewrite a specific sentence from the text to include a relative clause and pronouns.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

Developing Explain whether appropriate personal pronouns have been used in a sentence.

Expected Explain whether appropriate personal and relative pronouns have been used in a sentence.

Greater Depth Explain whether appropriate personal, indefinite and relative pronouns have been used in a sentence.

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Avoiding Repetition

Lara was hungry. She never knew where her next meal was coming from. Sometimes, she ate perfectly good left over food that people had thrown away. Passers-by would often give her food, as she begged in front of shop windows. Often, she would visit the kind people at the night shelter, who would give her a lovely, hot meal.

Hunger had woken her up, as usual. She had slept beneath the old railway bridge, down by the canal. She yawned and stretched tall. She was still tired. She'd slept worse than normal last night. Why was that?

Slowly, she began to recall being woken by noises further along the canal. She remembered hearing some voices shouting at each other. Then footsteps, which had marched right past without seeing her. At the same time, something had been thrown into the water. Maybe it was worth something? Lara decided to find out.

Standing by the edge of the canal, she looked into the dirty water. It was impossible to see the bottom. Suddenly, she saw a handle, which was sticking out of the water. Leaning forward, Lara was able to grab the handle and drag it towards her. It was a bag. Nervously, Lara opened the zip. There, wrapped in a clear plastic bag, was more money than Lara had ever seen in her whole life.

1a. An extra sentence has been written to add to paragraph two. Change the underlined nouns to pronouns to avoid repetition.

Lara liked sleeping there, as Lara was less likely to have Lara's things stolen in the night.



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2a. Use the relative pronoun 'who' to add extra information the sentence below.

Lara, _____, was hungry.



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3a. Marcus has written the first sentence of the next paragraph.

Lara wondered what I was going to do with the money that lay in front of me.

Has he used personal pronouns accurately? Explain your answer.



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Avoiding Repetition

The air was hot. Thick smoke blocked out the sky above. Evelyn, who was holding a wet scarf over her face, was finding it hard to breathe. Saving the lives of these endangered animals was the only thing that kept her calm.

“The last one’s on the truck,” yelled Peter, her husband. “Let’s get everyone out of here!” He had to drag Evelyn, who didn’t want to leave, by the arm and force her into the passenger seat.

“Are you sure we’ve got them all? Are you sure we haven’t left any behind?” She was crying now at the thought of having missed one of the orangutans. Tears rolled down her soot covered cheeks.

Ten years ago, she and Peter had set up the sanctuary on the island of Borneo. Their mission was to save as many orangutans as possible. Now, a forest fire was right on their doorstep, threatening to destroy everything they had built.

Four trucks full of orangutans had already got out safely. They were the last to leave. Peter started the engine. The old truck sparked into life. Breathing a sigh of relief, he drove it out of the compound and away from the fire.

1b. An extra sentence has been written to add to paragraph three. Change the underlined nouns to pronouns to avoid repetition.

The orangutans were like family to Evelyn and Evelyn was sad at the thought of losing any.



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2b. Use the relative pronoun ‘which’ to add extra information the sentence below.

The old truck, _____, sparked into life.



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3b. Sasha has written the first sentence of the next paragraph.

Evelyn thought that them would never be free of the smoke as their drove away from the fire.

Has she used personal pronouns accurately? Explain your answer.



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Lara was hungry; she was always hungry. She never quite knew where her next meal was coming from. Sometimes, she ate perfectly good left over food that had been wastefully discarded. Often, passers-by would take pity on her, as she begged in front of shop windows in the busy city centre. Occasionally, she would visit the lovely people at the night shelter, who would ensure she ate a hot meal.

As usual, hunger had woken her up. She had slept beneath the old railway bridge, down by the canal. She yawned, stretched tall and tried to shake off the tiredness that still hung over her like a heavy weight. She'd slept worse than normal last night. Why was that?

Slowly, she began to recall being woken by a commotion further along the canal. She remembered hearing some voices shouting angrily at each other. Then footsteps, which had marched (unseeing) right past her. At the same time, something had been thrown into the water. Maybe it was valuable? Lara decided to find out.

Standing by the edge of the canal, she peered into the brown, murky water; it was impossible to see the bottom. Suddenly, her eye was drawn to a handle, which was sticking out of the water. Leaning forward as much as she dared, Lara was able to grab the handle and drag it towards her. It was a rather heavy blue bag. Apprehensively, Lara opened the zip. There, wrapped in a clear plastic bag, was more money than Lara had ever seen in her entire life.

4a. An extra sentence has been written to add to paragraph three. Change the proper nouns to pronouns to avoid repetition.

Lara had thought about telling them to shut up, but Lara decided that Lara should remain unnoticed under Lara's cardboard boxes.



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5a. Rewrite the first sentence of paragraph two to include a relative clause.



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6a. Petra has written the first sentence of the next paragraph.

What was her going to do with all of this money, who had probably been hidden there by some very dangerous people.

Has she used relative and personal pronouns accurately? Explain your answer.



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The air was uncomfortably hot. Thick, acrid smoke blocked out the blue sky above. Evelyn, who was holding a wet scarf over her mouth and nose, was finding it difficult to breathe. The thought of saving the lives of these endangered animals was the only thing that helped quell the rising panic inside her.

“The last one’s on the truck,” yelled Peter, her husband and co-owner of the animal sanctuary. “Let’s get everyone out of here!” He had to physically drag Evelyn, who was reluctant to leave, by the arm and force her into the passenger seat.

“Are you sure we’ve got them all? Are you sure we haven’t left any behind?” She was crying now at the thought of having missed one of her precious orangutans. Tears rolled down her cheeks, leaving streaky marks on her soot covered face.

Ten years ago, she and Peter had set up the sanctuary on the Southeast Asian island of Borneo. Their mission was to save as many orangutans as possible. Through their hard work and determination, numbers were on the rise. Now, a forest fire was right on their doorstep, threatening to destroy everything she and Peter had built.

Four trucks filled with orangutans had already escaped to safety; they were the last to leave. Peter held his breath as he started the engine. The old truck, which was often temperamental, sparked into life. Breathing a sigh of relief, he steered it out of the compound and away from the fire.

4b. An extra sentence has been written to add to paragraph one. Change the proper nouns to pronouns to avoid repetition.

Evelyn could feel the hot air beginning to burn Evelyn’s throat, and smoke was burning Evelyn’s eyes; Evelyn needed to find them all soon.



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5b. Rewrite the second sentence of paragraph four to include a relative clause.



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6b. Carlos has written the first sentence of the next paragraph.

Evelyn, whose was pleased to see the smoke-free road ahead, began to calm his shattered nerves.

Has he used relative and personal pronouns accurately? Explain your answer.



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Lara was ravenous; she was always ravenous. She never quite knew where her next meal was coming from. Sometimes, she'd be forced to eat perfectly good left over food, that had been wastefully discarded by those who had never known a day's hunger in their lives. Often, passers-by would take pity on her, as she shamelessly begged in front of shop windows in the busy city centre. Occasionally, she would visit the kind-hearted people at the night shelter, who would ensure she ate a hot, nutritious meal.

The familiar gnawing pain in the pit of her empty stomach, woke her as usual. She'd slept down by the canal, beneath the disused railway bridge. She yawned, stretched tall and tried to shake off the tiredness that still hung over her like a heavy weight. She'd slept worse than normal last night. Why was that?

Slowly, she began to recall being woken by a commotion further along the canal. That's right – voices had been shouting angrily at each other, then there had been footsteps, which had marched (unseeing) right past her. Simultaneously, something had been thrown into the water. Perhaps it was valuable? Lara decided to find out.

Standing by the edge of the canal, she peered into the brown murky water; it was impossible to see the bottom. Suddenly, her eye was drawn to a handle, which was protruding out of the water. Leaning forward as much as she dared, Lara grasped the handle and dragged it towards her. It was a blue, water-sodden bag. Rather apprehensively, Lara opened the zip. There, wrapped in a clear plastic bag, was more money than Lara had ever seen in her entire life.

7a. Write a sentence that can be added to paragraph one. Include personal pronouns and one indefinite pronoun.



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8a. Rewrite the second sentence of paragraph two to include a relative clause and at least one pronoun.



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9a. Kai has written the first two sentences of the next paragraph.

Why would no one discard a bag full of money into a canal who was still used by so many people? Why wouldn't them keep it in a bank like everyone else?

Has he used relative, personal and indefinite pronouns accurately? Explain your answer.



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Thick, acrid smoke blocked out the blue sky above. Evelyn, who was holding a wet scarf over her mouth and nose, was finding it increasingly difficult to breathe. She could feel the stifling, hot air burning her throat and lungs with every breath she took. The thought of saving the lives of these endangered animals was the only thing that helped quell the rising panic that was building like a pressure pot inside her.

“The last one’s on the truck,” bellowed Peter, over the roar of the rapidly approaching fire; he was Evelyn’s husband and co-owner of the animal sanctuary. “Let’s get everyone out of here!” he ordered, as he dragged Evelyn into the passenger seat.

“Are you sure we haven’t left any behind?” The panic she’d been suppressing for so long, had now bubbled to the surface. What if they’d missed one of her precious orangutans? Tears fell from her eyes and left streaky marks on her soot covered face.

Ten years ago, she and Peter had set up the sanctuary on the Southeast Asian island of Borneo; their mission was to save as many orangutans as possible. Through their hard work and determination, numbers were on the rise – in their province at least. Now, a forest fire was right on their doorstep, threatening to destroy everything they had built.

So far, four truck loads of orangutans had already escaped to safety; they were the last to leave. Peter held his breath as he started the engine. The old truck, which was often temperamental, thankfully sparked into life. Breathing a sigh of relief, he promptly steered it out of the compound and away from certain death.

7b. Write a sentence that can be added to paragraph three. Include personal pronouns and one indefinite pronoun.



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8b. Rewrite the second sentence of paragraph five to include a relative clause and at least one pronoun.



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9b. Lillia has written the first sentence of the next paragraph.

Anyone relaxed a little as they drove further away from the inferno, who loomed large and threatening in the rear view mirror.

Has she used relative, personal and indefinite pronouns accurately? Explain your answer.



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Developing

1a. Lara liked sleeping there, as she was less likely to have her things stolen in the night.

2a. Various answers, for example: Lara, who had a gnawing pain in her stomach, was hungry.

3a. No. Marcus needs to replace 'I' with 'she', and 'me' with 'her'.

Expected

4a. Lara had thought about telling them to shut up, but she decided that she should remain unnoticed under her cardboard boxes.

5a. Various answers, for example: Lara, who had slept badly, woke in her favourite spot.

6a. No. Petra needs to replace the personal pronoun 'her' with 'she' and the relative pronoun 'who' with 'which'.

Greater Depth

7a. Various answers, for example: Everyone experiences hunger from time to time, but it is nothing compared to the hunger she felt on a daily basis.

8a. Various answers, for example: She'd slept down by the canal, beneath the disused railway bridge, which kept her sheltered from the rain.

9a. No. Kai needs to replace the indefinite pronoun 'no one' with 'anyone' or 'someone' etc. He also needs to replace the relative pronoun 'who' with 'which' and the personal pronoun 'them' with 'they'.

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Developing

1b. The orangutans were like family to her and she was sad at the thought of losing any.

2b. Various answers, for example: The old truck, which wasn't always reliable, sparked into life.

3b. No. Sasha needs to replace 'them' and 'their' with 'they'.

Expected

4b. Evelyn could feel the hot air beginning to burn her throat, and smoke was burning her eyes; she needed to find them all soon.

5b. Various answers, for example: Their mission was to save as many orangutans (which are a critically endangered species) as possible.

6b. No. Carlos needs to replace the relative pronoun 'whose' with 'who' and the personal pronoun 'his' with 'her'.

Greater Depth

7a. Various answers, for example: In her heart, Evelyn knew that nobody could have done more to save her precious animals than the dedicated team who worked for her at the sanctuary.

8a. Various answers, for example: Peter, who knew it was down to him to get them all out of there, held his breath as he started the engine.

9a. No. Lillia needs to replace the indefinite pronoun 'anyone' with 'both' or 'everyone' etc. She also need to replace the personal pronoun 'them' with 'they' and the relative pronoun 'who' with 'which'.