

Ellipsis and Substitution Worksheet

Advanced C1-C2 · Side A

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Exercise A · Restore the missing words (Q1-5)

Rewrite each elliptical sentence in full.

1. She can swim and he can too.

-> _____

2. 'Are you coming?' 'I might.'

-> _____

3. He wanted to help but couldn't.

-> _____

4. 'Did you finish?' 'Not yet.'

-> _____

5. She left early and so did her sister.

-> _____

Exercise B · True or False (Q6-10)

Write T (true) or F (false).

6. Ellipsis omits words that are recoverable from context.

Answer: _____

7. Substitution means replacing words with pro-forms like 'so', 'do', 'one'.

Answer: _____

8. 'So do I' is an example of substitution.

Answer: _____

9. Ellipsis and substitution are mainly used in formal writing.

Answer: _____

10. 'I told her to leave and she did' uses ellipsis.

Answer: _____

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Exercise C · Rewrite using ellipsis or substitution (Q11-14)

Make each response more concise.

11. She wanted to leave and he wanted to leave too.
-> _____
12. 'Are you coming?' 'Yes, I am coming.'
-> _____
13. He promised to call, but he didn't call.
-> _____
14. She said the film was good, and I thought the film was good too.
-> _____

Exercise D · Multiple choice (Q15-17)

Choose the best elliptical or substitution form.

15. 'Did you finish the essay?' '____.'
(a) Yes, I did finish (b) Yes, I did (c) Yes, I finished it
16. I'd like to help, but I'm not sure if I ____.
(a) able to (b) am able to (c) can to
17. 'She loves jazz.' '____ my sister.'
(a) So does (b) So do (c) So is

Exercise E · Write your own examples (Q18-20)

Write sentences using ellipsis and substitution.

18. Ellipsis after an auxiliary verb ->
-> _____
19. 'So + auxiliary + subject' substitution ->
-> _____
20. A short answer using substitution ('I might', 'she would', etc.) ->
-> _____

Answer Sheet - Ellipsis and Substitution Worksheet

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Exercise A - Restore the missing words

Q1-5

1. She can swim and he can swim too.
2. 'I might come.'
3. He wanted to help but couldn't help.
4. 'I haven't finished yet.'
5. She left early and her sister left early too.

Exercise B - True or False

Q6-10

6. T
7. T
8. T
9. F
10. T

Exercise C - Rewrite using ellipsis or substitution

Q11-14

11. She wanted to leave and so did he.
12. 'Yes, I am.'
13. He promised to call, but he didn't.
14. She said the film was good, and I thought so too.

Exercise D - Multiple choice

Q15-17

15. Yes, I did
16. am able to
17. So does

Exercise E - Write your own examples

Q18-20

18. (own answer)
19. (own answer)
20. (own answer)

Total: 20 points | Side A: Q1-10 | Side B: Q11-20