

## Ellipsis and Substitution Worksheet 1 – ANSWERS



### Exercise 1: Gap-Fill (Using Ellipsis & Substitution Correctly) – Answers

1. I love classical music, but my brother **doesn't**. (*ellipsis: "like classical music" is omitted*)
2. I was invited to the party, and Sarah was **too**. (*ellipsis: "invited to the party" is omitted*)
3. He told me to call him, and I **did** later. (*substitution: "did" replaces "called him"*)
4. John bought a red car, but his sister preferred the blue **one**. (*substitution: "one" replaces "car"*)
5. A: "Do you think we should go?"  
B: "I guess **so**." (*substitution: "so" replaces "we should go"*)
6. A: "Did he apologise?"  
B: "Yes, he **did**." (*substitution: "did" replaces "apologised"*)
7. She hasn't finished her project yet, and neither **have** I. (*substitution: "have I" replaces "finished my project"*)
8. We could go to the museum or (**go to**) the park. (*ellipsis: "go to" is omitted before "the park"*)
9. I liked the first movie, but I didn't enjoy the second **one** as much. (*substitution: "one" replaces "movie"*)
10. He was expecting a higher grade, but he didn't get the one he **expected**. (*ellipsis: "he expected" replaces "the grade he expected"*)

### Key Takeaways:

- **"So" & "did"** replace full clauses.
  - **"One" & "ones"** replace countable nouns.
  - **"Neither/nor + auxiliary"** avoids repetition in negative sentences.
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## ✓ Exercise 2: Error Correction (Fixing Mistakes in Ellipsis & Substitution) – Answers

1. ✗ She wants to buy a new dress, but I don't want buy a new dress.  
✓ She wants to buy a new dress, but I don't (want to). (*ellipsis: "to buy a new dress" is omitted after "want to"*)
2. ✗ I asked him to help me, and he did so help me.  
✓ I asked him to help me, and /so he did. (*substitution: "did" replaces "helped me"*)
3. ✗ My brother plays football every weekend, and my sister plays football too.  
✓ My brother plays football every weekend, and so does my sister. (*substitution: "so does" replaces "plays football"*)
4. ✗ They promised to call us, and they should be.  
✓ They promised to call us, and they should. (*substitution: "should" replaces "should call us"*)
5. ✗ A: "Are you excited about the trip?"  
B: "Yes, I am excited about the trip."  
✓ Yes, I am. (*ellipsis: "excited about the trip" is omitted*)
6. ✗ She said she would come, but I don't think she will coming.  
✓ She said she would come, but I don't think she will. (*substitution: "will" replaces "will come"*)
7. ✗ I prefer coffee over tea, but my friend prefers coffee over tea too.  
✓ I prefer coffee over tea, but my friend prefers tea. (*ellipsis: "over coffee" is omitted in the second clause*)
8. ✗ He finished his homework, and his sister finished her homework also.  
✓ He finished his homework, and his sister did too. (*substitution: "did too" replaces "finished her homework" – We could also say – So did his sister.*)
9. ✗ A: "Did she enjoy the film?"  
B: "Yes, she enjoys it."  
✓ Yes, she did. (*substitution: "did" replaces "enjoyed it"*)
10. ✗ He asked if I wanted to join the club, but I don't want to join the club.  
✓ He asked if I wanted to join the club, but I don't want to. (*ellipsis: "join the club" is omitted after "want to"*)

### ✦ Key Takeaways:

- "Did" & "so" replace verb phrases.
- "Too" & "so + auxiliary" replace repeated statements.
- Auxiliary verbs (will, do, have) substitute for full verbs.