

## Ellipsis and Substitution Worksheet 2 - ANSWERS

### Exercise 1: Conversation (Using Ellipsis & Substitution) – Answers

- ◆ **Emma:** Hey, are you coming to the concert on Saturday?
- ◆ **Jake:** I'd love to, but I don't think I **can**. (*ellipsis: "can come to the concert" is omitted*)
  
- ◆ **Emma:** Oh, why not?
- ◆ **Jake:** I promised my cousin I'd visit him, so I **have to**. (*ellipsis: "visit my cousin" is omitted after "have to"*)
  
- ◆ **Emma:** That's too bad. I hope you can change your plans. Sarah is coming, and so is Matt.
- ◆ **Jake:** Oh really? I didn't know Matt **was** too. (*ellipsis: "was coming" is omitted*)
  
- ◆ **Emma:** Yeah! He wasn't sure at first, but I convinced him.
- ◆ **Jake:** Well, I suppose I could try to reschedule my visit. If I **can**, I'll let you know. (*ellipsis: "can reschedule my visit" is omitted after "can"*)
  
- ◆ **Emma:** Great! Let me know as soon as you decide.
- ◆ **Jake:** I **will**. (*ellipsis: "will let you know" is omitted*)

### Key Takeaways:

- **Auxiliary verbs (can, will, was) replace full phrases** to avoid repetition.
  - **"So + auxiliary" is used to confirm shared information ("so is Matt").**
  - **Using ellipsis makes conversations sound more natural.**
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## Exercise 2: Sentence Transformation (Rewriting Sentences Using Ellipsis & Substitution) – Answers

1. I don't like horror movies, but my sister **does**. (*ellipsis: "like horror movies" is omitted*)
2. We ordered a pizza, and they **did** too. (*substitution: "did" replaces "ordered a pizza"*)
3. He said he would call me, but he **didn't**. (*ellipsis: "call me" is omitted after "didn't"*)
4. I wanted a chocolate cake, but they only had a vanilla **one**. (*substitution: "one" replaces "cake"*)
5. She enjoyed the concert, and I **did** too. (*substitution: "did" replaces "enjoyed the concert"*)
6. A: "Will you be at the meeting?"  
B: "Yes, I **will**." (*ellipsis: "will be at the meeting" is omitted after "will"*)
7. They could visit Rome or **(visit)** Paris. (*ellipsis: "visit" is omitted before "Paris"*)
8. He's never been to London, and I **haven't** either. (*ellipsis: "been to London" is omitted after "haven't"*)
9. A: "Did you finish your work?"  
B: "Yes, I **did**." (*substitution: "did" replaces "finished my work"*)
10. I think he's right, and you **do** too. (*substitution: "do" replaces "think he's right"*)

### Key Takeaways:

- "Did" & "does" replace full verb phrases.
- "One" replaces repeated nouns.
- Auxiliary verbs (will, haven't, do) substitute for entire clauses.
- Using ellipsis makes sentences shorter and more natural.