

Ellipsis and Substitution Worksheet 2

Exercise 1: Conversation (Using Ellipsis & Substitution)

Instructions: Complete the dialogue by filling in the blanks with **ellipsis (omitting words)** or **substitution (replacing words to avoid repetition)**.

- ◆ **Emma:** Hey, are you coming to the concert on Saturday?
 - ◆ **Jake:** I'd love to, but I don't think I _____. (*can come to the concert*)
 - ◆ **Emma:** Oh, why not?
 - ◆ **Jake:** I promised my cousin I'd visit him, so I _____. (*visit my cousin*)
 - ◆ **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 _____ too. (*is coming*)
 - ◆ **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 _____, I'll let you know. (*can reschedule my visit*)
 - ◆ **Emma:** Great! Let me know as soon as you decide.
 - ◆ **Jake:** I _____. (*will let you know*)
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Exercise 2: Sentence Transformation (Rewriting Sentences Using Ellipsis & Substitution)

Instructions: Rewrite the following sentences using **ellipsis or substitution** to avoid repetition.

1. I don't like horror movies, but my sister likes horror movies.
→ _____.
2. We ordered a pizza, and they ordered a pizza too.
→ _____.
3. He said he would call me, but he didn't call me.
→ _____.
4. I wanted a chocolate cake, but they only had a vanilla cake.
→ _____.
5. She enjoyed the concert, and I enjoyed the concert too.
→ _____.

6. A: "Will you be at the meeting?"

B: "Yes, I will be at the meeting."

→ _____.

7. They could visit Rome or they could visit Paris.

→ _____.

8. He's never been to London, and I've never been to London either.

→ _____.

9. A: "Did you finish your work?"

B: "Yes, I finished my work."

→ _____.

10. I think he's right, and you think he's right too.

→ _____.

Bonus: Optional Writing Task

 **Title: *Speaking Naturally – Using Ellipsis & Substitution in Conversations***

Instructions: Write a **short dialogue (150-200 words)** between two people discussing a topic (e.g., weekend plans, travel, work, hobbies). Use at least **five examples of ellipsis or substitution** to make the conversation sound more natural.

 **Example Starter:**

"Hey, are you going to the party tonight?"

"I'd love to, but I don't think I can."

"Oh, why not?"

"I have an early meeting tomorrow, and I should probably prepare for it."

"Yeah, I guess so. But if you can, you should stop by!"