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A good paragraph is made up of various sentence structures and lengths. Draft a paragraph using at least one simple sentence, one compound sentence, one complex sentence, and one compound-complex sentence.

Example:

We have two pets in our family. Major, who looks like Smokey, is our bluetick hound, and Salem is our fat, black cat. They do not get along with each other but manage to tolerate each other's existence. When they are sleepy enough, they will lay next to each other in peace, but when they are awake and feisty, they are prone to bark and growl at each other. They are my favorite animals in the whole world.

Choose from the following topics and write a paragraph with varied sentence length and structure **in the first person**.

- Your pets/family members
- Your hobbies
- A favorite memory
- A dream or goal you have

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Now choose from the following topics and write a paragraph with varied sentence length and structure **in the third person**.

- Describe what homeschooling is in general (not your personal experience)
- Describe a sport or activity you are familiar with
- Summarize a short story, fairytale, or other short work you're familiar with
- Argue for or against something using facts, examples, and reasons, such as the benefits of recycling or why drinking water is good for your health

Example:

Going for a walk has many benefits. Walking improves a person's cardiovascular health because it gets blood and oxygen flowing to the heart and lungs. If you take a walk in the sunshine, vitamin D can boost your mood, and the fresh air helps clear your head of troubling thoughts. Take a long walk or take a short walk. Moving your body is good for your mind as well.

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