**IM P ROV I N G SE N T E N C E STY L E**

**DI R E C T I O N S** The following paragraph is hard to read because each group of

words needs to be improved. Using what you have learned, revise each one. Try to mix simple, compound, and complex sentences in your improved version.

**Look for**

* sentence fragments
* run-on sentences
* stringy sentences
* wordy sentences

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**Example** We read a book by Charles Dodgson, who is also known as Lewis Carroll.

**Alice’s Beginnings**

The story of *Alice’s Adventures in Wo n d e r l a n d* was written for a little girl. Who was known by the name of Alice. Her father friends with Charles Dodgson. Who often told her and her two sisters stories. One day he was having a picnic with the girls, but it started to rain somehow getting caught in the rain made Mr. Dodgson tell them a better story than usual. The story was about the events and happenings that occurred when a girl named Alice fell down a rabbit hole. On the occasion of when the picnic was over, Alice asked M r. Dodgson to write down the story for her. He wrote the story as she had requested, illustrated it, and gave it to her so that she would have it. Later, another writer saw the story at Alice’s house, and he read it, and he said that it should be published. Mr. Dodgson was encouraged by his friend George Macdonald, George Macdonald was one of the best children’s authors of the time. Mr. Dodgson used the pen name Lewis Carroll, and he published  *Alice ’s* *Adventures in Wonderland* he also wrote a sequel to it, *Through the Looking-Glass* *and What Alice Found There*. The books two of the most popular works of children’s literature in the world.