**Adding Variety to Sentences**

The following paragraph is uninteresting because it includes only compound sentences. Rewrite the paragraph to include a variety of sentence structures. Mix short, simple sentences; compound sentences; and longer sentences with subordinate clauses in your version. Remember, you are the director of this piece of writing. Use variety to keep your audience involved.

 My friends and I have been talking. We have made a decision. We should have a day off to go on a class picnic. We could do it before winter break or go near the end of the school year. We could each bring a sack lunch or something to share with the rest of the class. The park has picnic tables, playing fields, and a pool. We don’t all know how to swim, so the students who can’t swim can play soccer or baseball instead. We would enjoy the picnic and have a fun day. When we would return to school, we would have smiles on our faces.