

Annotation Instructions

We ask you to rewrite each original sentence in order to make it easier to understand by non-native speakers of English. You can do so by replacing complex words with simpler synonyms (i.e. paraphrasing), deleting unimportant information (i.e. compression), and/or splitting a long complex sentence into several simpler ones. The final simplified sentences need to be grammatical, fluent, and retain the main ideas of their original counterparts without altering their meanings.

DETAILS:

You are given **four sentences** that need to be rewritten so that they use **simpler English**. This means that you should reduce the number of difficult words or idioms, simplify complex phrasing, delete information that may not be relevant, and make the sentence more straight-forward. This could be accomplished by applying different transformations to the original sentences. In this task, we ask you to use **paraphrasing, compression and/or sentence splitting**. We explain each of these transformations below and provide examples.

- Paraphrasing

This involves changing complex words or phrases for simpler synonyms. For example:

Original	Simplification
From its inception , it was designated a duty-free port and vied with the neighbouring Sultanate of Pattani for trade.	From the start , it was chosen to be a duty-free port to compete with the neighbouring Sultanate of Pattani for trade.

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When paraphrasing, try to preserve as much of the original meaning as possible. Proper names (e.g. John, Microsoft, Apple), geographical locations (e.g. Northern Europe, Sultanate of Pattani), specialized technical terms (e.g. polymorphism, electro-pneumatic) or any word you don't know should be kept whenever possible. You should use simpler concepts/words/phrases in your paraphrasing. This means your sentence could potentially have more words than the original.

- Compression

This involves deleting information that may not be relevant to understand the main idea of the sentence. For example:

Original	Simplification
Think of all the ways everyone in your household will benefit from your membership in Audubon.	Everyone in your household will benefit from membership in Audubon.
Mr Usta was examined by Dr Raymond Crockett, a Harley Street physician specialising in kidney disease.	Mr Usta was examined by Dr Raymond Crockett, a physician specialising in kidney disease.

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When compressing, it is important that the resulting simplification does not alter the original meaning. Also, it is possible to make other small changes to keep the resulting sentence grammatical and fluent.

- Sentence Splitting

This involves splitting a sentence as much as possible into several sentences in places where such a splitting could make the sentence simpler. The resulting sentences, taken together, should mean the same as the original sentence, be grammatical and fluent. For example:

Original	Simplification
He was involved in two conversions which turned out to be crucial.	He was involved in two conversions. These conversions turned out to be crucial.
The federal government suspended sales of U.S. savings bonds because Congress hasn't lifted the ceiling on government debt.	Congress hasn't lifted the ceiling on government debt. So, the federal government suspended sales of U.S. savings bonds.

As in the example shown, when splitting, it is also possible to make other small changes to keep the resulting text grammatical. Also, if no splitting is possible in a given sentence, leave the sentence as it. The examples provided only show a few possible ways in which a sentence could be split. Feel free to try out other ways.

- Putting it all together

All the three transformations explained before should be applied whenever possible to simplify the given original sentences. We provide an example where all three transformations were performed:

Original	Simplification
If you are under the age of 18, you are required to complete at least 65 hours of behind-the-wheel skill-building including 10 hours of nighttime driving.	If you are under 18, you must complete 65 hours of practice driving. This must include at least 10 hours of driving at night.

The transformations performed were:

Original	Simplification	Transformation
<i>under the age of 18</i>	<i>under 18</i>	compression
<i>behind-the-wheel skill-building</i>	<i>practice driving</i>	paraphrasing
<i>nighttime driving</i>	<i>driving at night</i>	paraphrasing
<i>you are required to</i>	<i>you must</i>	paraphrasing
<i>including</i>	<i>. This must include</i>	splitting

We will manually check a fraction of your answers and spammers will be rejected. Read the provided instructions carefully and make sure you understand the task before beginning.

Have fun!