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C1 CLAUSES ≈ 27 MIN

Ellipsis and Substitution — *practice on paper*

You already avoid repetition deliberately; now reinforce auxiliary ellipsis and precise substitutes with unambiguous references.

Omit known material after the matching **auxiliary**; replace things with one/ones and clauses or actions with **so/not or do so**.

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YOUR BUILD — 1 · SORTING ○ — 2 · FILL-IN ○ — 3 · CORRECT ○ — 4 · WRITE ○

BRICK 1 · SORT THING AND CLAUSE · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Sort each short form by its reference. One or ones replaces a countable thing on the left; so or not replaces a complete clause on the right.

We chose the smaller one. | The blue ones need new labels. | I ordered the cheaper one.

Those narrow ones fit the shelf. | Please archive the signed ones.

Will Nina approve it? I think so. | Will the launch fail? I hope not.

Do you expect approval? I guess so. | Will the supplier cancel? I hope not.

Does Kim expect a delay? I think so.

THING WITH ONE/ONES	CLAUSE WITH SO/NOT

BRICK 2 · COMPLETE THE SHORT FORM · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Complete a natural short form. The auxiliary must match the preceding clause; use do so for an action.

01 Ravi can present the findings, and Alina _____ .

02 Did Mark send the invoice? Yes, he _____ .

03 Elena has completed the budget, and Noor _____ .

04 Liam will attend on Thursday, but Marta _____ .

05 The manager asked us to revise the chart, and we agreed to _____ .

06 The interns were instructed to archive every file, and they _____ before noon.

07 Amir could lead the workshop, and I _____ .

08 Tessa cannot join the morning call, and Ben _____ .

YOUR BUILD 1 · SORTING ○ 2 · FILL-IN ○ 3 · CORRECT ○ 4 · WRITE ○

BRICK 3 · CORRECT THE SHORT FORM · APPROX. 7 MIN ●●○

Each sentence contains exactly one ellipsis or substitution error. Rewrite the complete sentence with an unambiguous reference.

01 I can join the call, and Mara can also.

02 The board will approve the budget, or at least I hope it.

03 The printer takes the narrow cartridges, not the wide it.

04 The team was asked to submit the form and did it so.

05 Jon has finished the review, and Pia does too.

06 Do you expect another delay? I guess it.

BRICK 4 · WRITE A CONCISE UPDATE · APPROX. 8 MIN ●●●

Write one English sentence or dialogue for each prompt. The omitted or substituted content must remain unambiguous.

01 Compare two people with the same auxiliary and ellipsis.

02 Choose between two countable products with one or ones.

03 Refer back to a previously named task with do so.

04 Answer a yes-no question with I think so or I hope not.

MINI-CHECK — CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ○ I keep the matching auxiliary in ellipsis.
- ○ I replace countable things with one or ones.
- ○ I use do so for a previously named action.
- ○ I use so or not for a complete clause.

Still unsure? Underline the complete reference first, then choose the shortest unambiguous form.

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 We chose the smaller one.
Thing with one/ones: one replaces something countable.

02 The blue ones need new labels.
Thing with one/ones: ones replaces the plural.

03 I ordered the cheaper one.
Thing with one/ones: one replaces something countable.

04 Those narrow ones fit the shelf.
Thing with one/ones: ones replaces the plural.

05 Please archive the signed ones.
Thing with one/ones: ones replaces the plural.

06 Will Nina approve it? I think so.
Clause with so/not: so replaces the positive clause.

07 Will the launch fail? I hope not.
Clause with so/not: not replaces the negative clause.

08 Do you expect approval? I guess so.
Clause with so/not: so replaces the positive clause.

09 Will the supplier cancel? I hope not.
Clause with so/not: not replaces the negative clause.

10 Does Kim expect a delay? I think so.
Clause with so/not: so replaces the positive clause.

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 Ravi can present the findings, and Alina **can too**.
Auxiliary ellipsis: can too avoids repetition.

02 Did Mark send the invoice? Yes, he **did**.
Auxiliary ellipsis: did replaces the known action.

03 Elena has completed the budget, and Noor **has too**.
Auxiliary ellipsis: has too avoids repetition.

04 Liam will attend on Thursday, but Marta **will not**.
Auxiliary ellipsis: will not negates the action.

05 The manager asked us to revise the chart, and we agreed to **do so**.
Action substitute: do so refers to the task.

06 The interns were instructed to archive every file, and they **did so** before noon.
Action substitute: did so refers to archiving.

07 Amir could lead the workshop, and I **could too**.
Auxiliary ellipsis: could too avoids repetition.

08 Tessa cannot join the morning call, and Ben **cannot either**.
Auxiliary ellipsis: cannot either adds negative agreement.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 I can join the call, and Mara can **too**.
Auxiliary ellipsis: too belongs at the end.

02 The board will approve the budget, or at least I hope **so**.
Clause substitute: so replaces the positive clause.

03 The printer takes the narrow cartridges, not the wide **ones**.
Thing substitute: ones replaces the countable plural noun.

04 The team was asked to submit the form and **did so**.
Action substitute: did so replaces the named task.

05 Jon has finished the review, and Pia **has too**.
Auxiliary ellipsis: has matches the present perfect.

06 Do you expect another delay? I guess **so**.
Clause substitute: so replaces the positive clause.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your answers may differ if the short form is grammatical and has exactly one clear reference.

01 Mina can present the summary, and Leo **can too**.
Auxiliary ellipsis: can too replaces the verb phrase.

02 Choose the smaller **one** because the larger monitor is unavailable.
Thing substitute: one replaces the countable noun.

03 The client requested a second risk check; our analysts **did so** before lunch.
Action substitute: did so refers to the check.

04 Will the customer accept the change? I **think so**.
Clause substitute: so replaces the positive clause.

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