## Revising a Paragraph by Combining Sentences

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1.	Roadrunners can fly. They rarely do. These birds prefer to run. They prefer to run from any trouble. They are noted for their amusing behavior. Oddly, they seem to enjoy chasing golf balls. Roadrunners live primarily on lizards and snakes. They are known to eat the fruits of cactus. They can also catch cicadas or grasshoppers. They do this by jumping into the air. Roadrunners tolerate little contact with humans. They do not like intruders near their nests. Roadrunners are being forced into new habitats in wilder, more remote areas. This is an unfortunate development.
2.	The U.S. Army wanted the Nez Perce to give up their land in Oregon. Chief Joseph and his people would not submit willingly to this demand. Chief Joseph was the Nez Perce leader. They refused to be forced onto a reservation. The reservation was in Idaho. Canada would be a refuge for the Nez Perce. Chief Joseph was certain of this. He led his people on a historic march. They marched to avoid involuntary relocation. The march began in the summer of 1877. It ended in surrender on October 5 because the Nez Perce were exhausted from traveling. The Nez Perce were just forty miles from freedom. They had traveled fifteen hundred miles. "Their peaceful surrender earned respect for American Indians. Their gallant dignity earned respect for American Indians.


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Amy Tan was born in 1952. She is a Chinese American. Tan's parents wanted her to become a surgeon and a pianist. Tan had other goals. She got a master's degree in linguistics. Tan then worked with disabled children. She also was a business writer. She decided that she wanted to write action. Tan's first novel was <i>The Joy Luck Club</i> . It was a huge success. This book was made into a movie in 1993. It focused on the relationship between four Chinese mothers and their daughters. She has written two more novels. The names of the novels are <i>The Kitchen God's Wife</i> and <i>The Hundred Secret Senses</i> .

Deer are known to be fast runners. They are also known to be the timid to humans. They are not defenseless. Their sharp hoo the male's antlers are formidable weapons. The antlers are branc ponent. Deer must fight off predators. All of this exertion required onsist of grass, bark, leaves, and possibly moss, lichens, and fur Deer are enterprising when it comes to food. They add to their for ardens and farmers' fields. Deer have some exotic relatives. This vidence suggests a connection between deer and giraffes. Deer a ast.	ves can deliver damaging blows. hed. The gentle deer can be a fierce ires a hearty diet. A deer's meals agi. This is the typical diet of a deer. od choices by raiding backyard s is an interesting fact. Scientific