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# Revising a Paragraph by Combining Sentences

DIRECTIONS Using the sentence-combining skills, revise and rewrite the following paragraphs on the lines provided.

- Use your judgment about which sentences to combine and how to combine them.
- Write smooth, varied sentences that are easy to understand.
- Do not change the original meaning of the paragraph.

1. 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 fiction. Tan's first novel was *The Joy Luck Club*. 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 *The Kitchen God's Wife* and *The Hundred Secret Senses*.

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