# Consulting Syntax References
## Short and Long Sentences

**DIRECTIONS**: Read your draft carefully.

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| Are most of your sentences long or short? |
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| Do you vary the lengths of your sentences? |
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| What do the long sentences tend to emphasize? |
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| Identify some instances in which the short sentences are particularly effective. |
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| Are there connections that are not being made where needed that can be attributed to the length of your sentences? |
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Consult the syntax reference text of your choice on the question of short and long sentences. Is there a change you could make in your draft that would improve it? What is it?

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