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## Sentence Splits

*An extension of "Helping hands in Sri Lanka's big flood"*

When reading stories, you may notice that some sentences are longer than others. The long sentences are often made up of parts that can stand on their own as simpler sentences. It is good to have a mix of both short and long sentences as they make the text livelier. If you have written too many long sentences, try to split them into shorter ones. This exercise gives you some practice. In the first column of the table are ten long sentences from the story "Helping hands in Sri Lanka's big flood" (page 6, *What's Up* July 2016). Read the story first. Then, separate each of the given sentences into grammatically correct simple sentences. Some parts have been done for you as examples.

ORIGINAL SENTENCE	SENTENCE 1	SENTENCE 2	SENTENCE 3
1. Torrential rains in Sri Lanka started on 15 May and left at least 101 dead before slowing down ten days later.	Torrential rains in Sri Lanka started on 15 May.	It left at least 101 dead.	It slowed down ten days later.
2. The floods destroyed homes, buried entire villages and, in some parts of Colombo, water levels stood at 8 feet high after four days of rain.			In some parts of Colombo, water levels stood at 8 feet high after four days of rain.
3. The list stated exactly what each organisation needed so that no food or unnecessary items were wasted.		No food or unnecessary items were wasted as a result.	
4. Uber drivers picked up rations from donors, and dropped them off for free at the Sri Lankan Red Cross.			

<p>5. When the 2011 Tsunami destroyed parts of Japan, many citizens travelled across the country to volunteer and ended up staying for months.</p>	<p>The 2011 Tsunami destroyed parts of Japan.</p>		
<p>6. It soon grew to become a community initiative as they asked neighbours to help them by giving food, water and a warm place to sleep for the young and helpless survivors.</p>		<p>They asked the neighbours to help by giving food and water for the young and helpless survivors.</p>	<p>They asked the neighbours to help by giving a warm place to sleep for the young and helpless survivors.</p>
<p>7. We know the people, and the people know us.</p>			
<p>8. Those that are living in the park have it the worst, and there are so many children that need proper care.</p>			
<p>9. Volunteer Keisuke Kajiwara travelled 1,600 km from his home in Fukuoka to Tono to help immediately after the tsunami, and was still there seven months later.</p>			
<p>10. Together with other volunteers, Kajiwara tried to draw refugees out of their tiny temporary cabins and lightened their spirits with music, massages, gardening and other activities.</p>			