

Directions: Read the paragraph about a play but try not to yawn. Then rewrite it so that people will want to read it. Make it glow!

Remove anything like "real," "really," and "good." Those are too general; they are not specific enough. Verbs in the "to be" family, like "was" and "were," sometimes can be problems, too, because they take the place of better, more specific verbs.

I was in a play, and it was real fun. The costumes were so fun to wear. I really liked wearing mine. The audience laughed when the play was funny, and they were real quiet when the play was sad. Once, I forgot my lines, but then I heard my cue and kept going. All the cast had a good time doing the play together.