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clear: The passengers predicted many airline delays due to weather, but most of the flights were on time.



Read each sentence. Write what is unclear about the sentence. Then rewrite the sentence so there is a clear antecedent. There are multiple ways to fix the sentences.



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2. Rachel and Malia sat together on the bus, so the forgotten water bottle must be hers.

What is unclear? _____

clear: _____

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3. It explains how to put the stroller together, its safety features, and how to care for it.

What is unclear? _____

clear: _____

4. Mrs. Lewis thought she put her new credit card in her wallet, but now she can't find it.



5. Did Grandpa and Dad check with a mechanic first before trying to fix the rattling sound coming from his car's engine?

What is unclear? _____

clear: _____

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**Note: The sentences may be corrected in various ways.
We have included an example for each sentence.**

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What is unclear? It is unclear what is explaining information about the stroller.



clear. _____

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