

Coordination: Practice.

Rewrite the paragraph. Combine some sentences using coordination -- simple conjunctions and/or coordinate conjunctions -- to add style, emphasis, and create better flow.

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