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Reducing Sentences Handout

Writers revise sentences by deleting unnecessary words, phrases, or information to make their main idea clear and concise. Revise the following sentences by deleting unnecessary information.

1. Tree-ear squeezed the fat, bulging pouch that he wore at his waist.

2. Min was washing his hands with water in a basin under the eaves when Tree-ear reached the backyard.

3. Once fall was over, soon winter rode on the back of the wind as it swept down the mountain slopes quickly toward the village.

4. The monkey swung gaily at his waist as the sky continued to darken.
