



Remember the Reader

Read the following paragraph. Then rewrite it using primarily dialogue instead of narrative. Your reader will be a ten-year-old girl. (Use separate paper if you wish.)

Anna struggled to hold back her tears as she told her mother why she was upset. The girls at school had refused to allow her to play with them. All Anna wanted was to be accepted at her new school. At her old school, before her family moved to the city, Anna had lots of friends. Now she was so alone she had almost forgotten what it was like to have a friend.

Read the following paragraph. Then revise it so that it would be appropriate for a seven-year-old reader. (Use separate paper if you wish.)

Being careful that no one observed him, Samuel peered around the corner at the unattended fruit stand. His salivary glands dripped with eagerness to savor the succulent wares displayed before him. During his family's interminable trek across the country, his stomach had been filled only with tepid rice balls at appointed hours. How he longed to let his teeth split open a mango or an orange. With sudden decisiveness, Samuel extended his arm toward the cart.