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Grade 4 Writing Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

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Answer Key - Grade 4 Writing Worksheet

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1. Source: "Rain forests get a lot of rain all year, so the plants there grow thick and tall."

**Model answer: "Plants in rain forests grow tall and crowded because rain falls there all year long." Check that it: keeps the reason and the result: rain all year, and thick, tall plants; uses new words and a new sentence pattern; adds no opinion.**

2. Source: "Earth spins once each day, and it takes a year to travel around the sun."

**Model answer: "Every day Earth makes one full turn, and one trip around the sun takes a year." Check that it: keeps both facts: one spin each day, and a year to go around the sun; uses new words and a new sentence pattern; adds no opinion.**

3. Source: "The first computers were so big that a single machine could fill a whole room."

**Model answer: "Early computers were huge, and one machine could take up an entire room." Check that it: keeps the fact that the first computers were so large that one filled a room; uses new words; adds no opinion.**

4. Source: "Lightning is hotter than the surface of the sun, but it lasts only a split second."

**Model answer: "A lightning bolt burns hotter than the sun's surface, yet it is gone in a flash." Check that it: keeps both facts: lightning is hotter than the sun's surface, and it lasts a very short time; uses new words; adds no opinion.**