

SENTENCE COMBINING: ARGUMENT

The Wasted Lottery

Directions: Combine each group of sentences into one effective sentence.

- 1.1 The state lottery has turned out to be a waste.
- 1.2 It is a waste for the players.
- 1.3 It is a waste for the state.

- 2.1 First of all, millions of people lose money.
- 2.2 The money is hard-earned.
- 2.3 They play the lottery on a daily basis.

- 3.1 For example, seven out of ten people play the lottery.
- 3.2 They play the lottery four times a week.

- 4.1 In addition, the lottery is very addictive.
- 4.2 It is especially addictive to gullible people.
- 4.3 The gullible people actually believe the odds are in their favor.
- 4.4 The gullible people say, "Somebody has to win."

- 5.1 These people are just looking for an easy way to get ahead.
- 5.2 They gamble away any real chance of saving money.

- 6.1 They don't realize the odds.
- 6.2 The odds are the same as getting hit by lightning.
- 6.3 The lightning must hit them three times.

- 7.1 Last and most important, the lottery has lost its original purpose.
- 7.2 Its original purpose was to benefit schools.
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- 7.4 Only ten percent of the lottery money goes to schools.
- 7.5 The schools are the public schools.

- 8.1 The lottery started out to be a good thing.
- 8.2 It is just a waste of everyone's money.

Directions for the final copy:

Now that you have combined all the sentences, go to a computer and type them as a whole paragraph using correct MLA format. Remember to add the title.