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Rewrite the sentence

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3) While driving along

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4) Perusing the pages of Gulliver's Travels, Jonathan Swift impressed Lia with his narrative techniques.

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1) Though only in grade three, Brandon had the

dangling - The

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