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**Exercises page 16**

Sample 1

A horrible day

No matter what we did, the car simply refused to start. I was driving down the road when my car started to sputter and shake. With a sickening lurch the car floated to a stop in the middle of a busy road. A horn blared behind me. I quickly flipped on my emergency lights and stepped out of my car to wave the person by. With an angry gesture the man roared around me. I sat back in my car and tried to start the engine up but there was no sign of life. I quickly jumped out of my car again; my heart fluttering in my chest as a mild sense of urgency and panic set it.

My car would die and I was obviously unable to get out of the intersection on my own. The occupants of the other vehicles only swerved around me with the insistent sound of angry horns and enraged profanities screamed out the window. Even as I tried to push the car on my own; no one stopped to assist me. In desperation I hopped back into the driver’s seat and tried the engine again. Nothing. My breath hitched as a sob caught in my throat. Desperately I phoned everyone I could think of and no one answered their phones; cell phones...home phones no one was there.

1. What do you learn in the first sentence and how is this related to the rest of the story?
2. What words and phrases are used to connect the sentences to each other?
3. What is the main idea in the story and in which sentence is it to be found?
4. How is each sentence in the paragraph related to this main idea?