

Step 2: Creating Concise Noun Phrases

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Sentence B because the adjectives reveal more about this particular character. In sentence A, the adjectives 'evil' and 'mean' are unnecessary as the word 'villain' already tells us these things.