

# Knights in Training

All of these sentences belong in the same paragraph.  
Put an *M* next to the main idea. Put a *D* next to the details.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Pages began their studies at the young age of seven.
- \_\_\_\_\_ It took many years for a boy to become a knight.
- \_\_\_\_\_ At age thirteen, a page would become a squire.
- \_\_\_\_\_ At twenty-one, after years of training, a squire could become a knight.



Revise each of the following by combining the sentences.

1. Boys who were seven years old started learning.  
They started learning to be knights.  
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2. The boys moved out of their parents' homes. They moved in with a knight's family.  
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3. The women in the new home taught the boys about manners.  
The women in the new home taught the boys about music.  
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4. The men taught the boys about fighting. They also taught about riding.  
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Add variety to each paragraph by combining the underlined sentences.

A boy who would become a knight started learning at age seven. He moved out of his parents' home. He moved in with a knight's family.

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Knights in training learned from knights and the women in the knight's house. Knights taught pages how to ride. Knights taught pages how to hunt. Knights taught pages how to fight. The women of the house taught the knight in training how to behave like a gentlemen.

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A squire's jobs were different from a page's. A squire helped serve meals. He polished his knight's armor. He also took care of his knight's horses. A squire also carried his knight's shield into battle.

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Read the following sentences:

At age seven a young boy became a page, the first step in becoming a knight.

Knights taught pages how to ride, hunt, and fight.

One of a squire's jobs was to carry the knight's shield into battle.

A squire learned to fight by practicing in events called tournaments.



Using these details along with your own, write a paragraph about how knights are trained. Be sure to include a main idea, and use interesting words and sentences.

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