DIRECTIONS: Rewrite the paragraph using some beginning phrases. Remember, only change two or three sentences. If you add beginning phrases to all of them, then your sentences won’t have variety.

It was a beautiful spring day. John went outside. He got his shovel. He got his rake. He got his plant food. John went to his garden. He knelt down in the dirt. He inspected all of the new lettuce plants coming up. He looked at the spinach seedlings. He examined his broccoli. Then John stood up. He went back into his shed. He returned to his garden with a packet of flower seeds. He spread the flower seeds around. He couldn’t wait until his flowers started to grow!

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