Plain language exercise

Read the example from *Writing and Designing Print Materials for Beneficiaries: A Guide for State Medicaid Agencies*, by Jeanne McGee. It is written at a Grade 12 level.
Now working in pairs, rewrite the example for a grade 4-5 level.

GRADE 12: It makes good sense that premature births and newborn illnesses are decreased by early pregnancy care. The doctor is actively involved in testing the pregnant woman for pregnancy-induced diabetes and a host of other problems that would not be detected by the patient alone. We know that these problems cause premature births and illness in newborns. It certainly makes sense that early detection and treatment of these problems by the doctor results in healthier babies.

Sourced from: The Health Literacy Environment of Hospitals and Health Centers, Readability Assessment pp 122-123.
(http://www.ncsall.net/fileadmin/resources/teach/environ_append2.pdf