

Making Compound Sentences

READ THE TEXT

When you are writing, it could be strange to only use short, simple sentences. Instead, try making some compound sentences.

You can join sentences together using a compound sentence. Make a compound sentence. For example:

I do not like vegetables, **but** I like apples.

By putting two sentences together using a conjunction, you can make a much more interesting compound sentence.

I do not like vegetables, **and** I love apples. ()

I do not like vegetables, **but** I love vegetables. ()

Remember: Conjunctions connect information and they should never be used to join two sentences together. Conjunctions are not verbs, so you can't use them to stick information together!

WRITE THE TEXT

Join the following sentences together to make compound sentences. Choose the most suitable conjunction from the list below. Use each conjunction once only.

1. Maria is reading. Peter is also reading.
2. Don is thoughtful. He always plans activities when he is away.
3. Holly walked home from school slowly. She was tired.
4. Spades are all of the same. They change some attributes from their suits.
5. Four five six seven eight nine, 10 of the number was 10, 10 was all correct.
6. Graham completed his homework every night. I can see how he does it by making notes like this.

| Conjunctions | | |
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| and | because | so |
| as | but | or |

Now write a paragraph about your classroom using a mixture of simple and compound sentences.