# Join It! Compound Sentences

Grades 4–6
Commas and conjunctions

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A compound sentence joins two complete sentences with a comma and a joining word (conjunction). Use and to add, but to show a difference, or to show a choice, and so to show a result. Join each pair of sentences.

**JOINING WORDS**

**, and  , but  , or  , so**

| Two sentences | Write one compound sentence |
|---|---|
| I was hungry. I made a sandwich. | |
| The sun came out. The air was cold. | |
| You can walk. You can ride the bus. | |
| Lena likes math. She likes science. | |
| It started to rain. We went inside. | |
| I studied hard. The test was tricky. | |
| We can play outside. We can read. | |
| The store was closed. We went home. | |


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Other joining words may also be correct if they make sense and a comma comes before the conjunction.

| Two sentences | Compound sentence |
|---|---|
| I was hungry. I made a sandwich. | **I was hungry, so I made a sandwich.** |
| The sun came out. The air was cold. | **The sun came out, but the air was cold.** |
| You can walk. You can ride the bus. | **You can walk, or you can ride the bus.** |
| Lena likes math. She likes science. | **Lena likes math, and she likes science.** |
| It started to rain. We went inside. | **It started to rain, so we went inside.** |
| I studied hard. The test was tricky. | **I studied hard, but the test was tricky.** |
| We can play outside. We can read. | **We can play outside, or we can read.** |
| The store was closed. We went home. | **The store was closed, so we went home.** |


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