

# Y2 Joining Words

KS1 Y2 English · Follows the national curriculum

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## 1. Worked example

**Join with 'and': 'I went to the park.' + 'I played on the swings.'**

Step 1 · Both ideas are things that happened, side by side  
'and' fits

Step 2 · Take out the first full stop and the second capital  
I went to the park ... I played on the swings.

Step 3 · Put 'and' in the gap  
I went to the park and I played on the swings.

**Answer: I went to the park and I played on the swings.**

Check: Each half could be a sentence on its own. 'and' joins two equal ideas.

## 2. Now try one with the steps

**Which joining word fits: 'I wanted ice cream \_\_\_ the shop was closed.'**

Step 1 · The second idea goes against the first

Step 2 · 'but' shows this kind of contrast

**Answer:**

## 3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

**1.** Which joining word shows a choice: and, but or or?

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**2.** Which joining word shows a contrast or problem: and, but or or?

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**3.** Join with 'and': 'I have a dog.' + 'I have a cat.'

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**4.** Join with 'but': 'The cake looked nice.' + 'It tasted bad.'

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5. Join with 'or': 'Do you want milk?' + 'Do you want juice?'

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6. Fill the gap: 'I ran fast \_\_\_\_ I still missed the bus.' (and / but)

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7. Fill the gap: 'We can walk \_\_\_\_ we can go by bike.' (or / but)

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8. Fill the gap: 'Ella brushed her hair \_\_\_\_ she put on her shoes.' (and / or)

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9. Join with the best word: 'It was sunny.' + 'It was cold.'

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10. Join with the best word: 'Would you like pasta?' + 'Would you like rice?'

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11. Finish the sentence: 'I like swimming but...'

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12. Finish the sentence: 'At the weekend we might go to the beach or...'

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13. How many sentences are in: 'I went home and I had tea and I watched TV and I went to bed.'?

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14. Write a sentence about your school using 'but'.

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#### 4. Before you hand it in

**Using 'and' to join every pair of sentences, even when they don't have a similar relationship.**

Think about how the two ideas relate before picking a joining word.

**Making one very long sentence with 'and... and... and...'.**

Use full stops to split it up, or use commas for a list.

**Keeping the full stop and capital letter: 'I was hungry. But there was no food.'**

I was hungry but there was no food.

**Using 'but' when there is no contrast: 'I like cats but I like dogs.'**

I like cats and I like dogs.