

Varied Fluency

Step 8: Using 'and', 'but' and 'or'

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 1: (1G3.3) [Joining words and joining clauses using 'and'](#)

English Year 1: (1G3.1) [How words can combine to make sentences](#)

English Year 1: (2G3.3) [Co-ordination \(using or, and, or but\)](#)

Terminology for pupils:

- (1G6) [word](#)
- (1G3.1) [sentence](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support using 'and', 'but' and 'or' to join words or phrases in a sentence. Using CVC and CCVC/CVCC words, as well as Year 1 common exception words and high frequency words.

Expected Questions to support using 'and', 'but' and 'or' to join two phrases or short clauses together in a sentence. Includes words that follow Year 1 spelling patterns.

Greater Depth Questions to support using 'and', 'but' and 'or' to join two or more phrases or short clauses together in a sentence.

[More resources](#) from our Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling scheme of work.

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Using 'and', 'but' and 'or'

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1a. Tick the sentence that uses a conjunction correctly.

A. I can run but jump.

B. I can run and jump.



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1b. Tick the sentence that uses a conjunction correctly.

A. I will eat a peach or a plum.

B. I will eat a peach but a plum.



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2a. Circle the conjunction in the sentence below.

The cat is black and soft.



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2b. Circle the conjunction in the sentence below.

I can crash or bang the drum.



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3a. Add a conjunction to the sentences below.

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| or | and | but |
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A. The dress is big _____ long.

B. I like beans _____ jam on toast.

C. We can skip _____ not hop.



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3b. Add a conjunction to the sentences below.

| | | |
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| but | and | or |
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A. Is the pen red _____ green?

B. I like dogs _____ not cats.

C. The pig is short _____ fat.



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4a. Complete the sentence with two different conjunctions.

A frog is black _____ green.

A frog is black _____ green.



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4b. Complete the sentence with two different conjunctions.

It was hot _____ fun in the park.

It was hot _____ fun in the park.



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5a. Tick the sentence that uses a conjunction correctly.

A. We played tig or not football.

B. We played tig but not football.



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5b. Tick the sentence that uses a conjunction correctly.

A. I like to sing and shout.

B. I like to sing but shout.



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6a. Circle the conjunction in the sentence below.

I went to bed and fell asleep.



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6b. Circle the conjunction in the sentence below.

I ate the peas but not the carrots.



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7a. Add a conjunction to the sentences below.

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| and | but | or |
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A. I have a brother _____ a sister.

B. I like plums _____ I do not like pears.

C. Dad said I can stay in _____ go out to play.



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7b. Add a conjunction to the sentences below.

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| but | or | and |
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A. Would you like grapes _____ an apple?

B. It is very hot _____ sunny today.

C. I can play tennis _____ not football.



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8a. Complete the sentence with two different conjunctions.

I like red apples _____ green apples.

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8b. Complete the sentence with two different conjunctions.

When it is snowing outside I like to have soup _____ hot milk.

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Using 'and', 'but' and 'or'

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9a. Tick the sentence that uses a conjunction correctly.

A. Cats like to jump but they do not like to swim.

B. Cats like to jump or they do not like to swim.



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9b. Tick the sentence that uses a conjunction correctly.

A. I went to the park or I played on the swings.

B. I went to the park and I played on the swings.



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10a. Circle the conjunction in the sentence below.

Today I will go swimming or I will go to the library.



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10b. Circle the conjunction in the sentence below.

It is cold outside but I am still going to play in the garden.



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11a. Add conjunctions to the sentences below.

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| but | or | and |
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A. Snakes can move _____ they do not have any legs _____ wings.

B. I have a cat _____ a dog, _____ I really want a rabbit.



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11b. Add conjunctions to the sentences below.

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| or | but | and |
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A. It is bedtime _____ I want to stay up _____ watch television.

B. Shall we go to the shop _____ the market to buy the eggs _____ fruit?



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12a. Complete the sentence with two different conjunctions.

Chickens have wings _____ they cannot fly.

Chickens have wings _____ they cannot fly.



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12b. Complete the sentence with two different conjunctions.

I jumped in the swimming pool _____ my friend sat at the side.

I jumped in the swimming pool _____ my friend sat at the side.



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Developing

- 1a. **B**
- 2a. **and**
- 3a. **A. and; B. or; C. but**
- 4a. **and/or can be used**

Expected

- 5a. **B**
- 6a. **and**
- 7a. **A. and; B. but; C. or**
- 8a. **and/or can be used**

Greater Depth

- 9a. **A**
- 10a. **or**
- 11a. **A. but, or; B. and, but**
- 12a. **and/but can be used**

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Developing

- 1b. **A**
- 2b. **or**
- 3b. **A. or; B. but; C. and**
- 4b. **and/but can be used**

Expected

- 5b. **A**
- 6b. **but**
- 7b. **A. or; B. and; C. but**
- 8b. **and/or can be used**

Greater Depth

- 9b. **B**
- 10b. **but**
- 11b. **A. but, and; B. or, and**
- 12b. **and/but can be used**