

Lesson 3: Compound sentences

Now that we have looked at different word classes, we are going to explore sentences. Again, today you will have a little bit of reading to do first before you try the task.

As well as simple sentences, we also write what are called **'compound' sentences**.

These contain two or more different thoughts or ideas. Here, a conjunction is used to connect these two 'bits' of the sentence. These bits are called **clauses** (you say 'clause' like you say Santa Claus!)

Here are two simple sentences about Timmy:

Timmy is usually a good boy.

Timmy sometimes steals my ball.

If we join them up with a conjunction that works, we can make a longer, compound sentence:

Timmy is usually a good boy **but** sometimes he steals my ball.

Now we have made a compound sentence with two different clauses. As you can see, instead of saying Timmy twice I have replaced it with the pronoun 'he' to make it sound better.

Here are two more simple sentences:

I can't play outside.

It is raining.

To make a compound sentence, we could use a conjunction, which means our sentence will have two clauses, joined together with a conjunction.

I can't play outside **because** it's raining.

OR you could switch the clauses around, and use a different conjunction:

It is raining, **so** I can't play outside.

For your task today, we would like you to make compound sentences. You will see sentences with conjunctions missing...can you find one that works for the sentence? Ask yourself...does it make sense?

Here are some conjunctions you could use:

and	but	when	for	if	because	also
although	however	then	since	so	after	

Don't forget that you can use the conjunction in the middle or at the beginning of a sentence. Copy out each sentence in your home reading books but make it complete with a conjunction that could go in the gap:

- 1) I have been able to ride a bike _____ I was 6 years old.
- 2) I don't have enough money saved up _____ I can't buy the game I want.
- 3) _____ I get home from school, I'm going to play outside with my friends.
- 4) _____ I won a million pounds, I would buy a house made of gold!
- 5) _____ I get on with Steven, sometimes he upsets me.

6. I enjoy reading; I _____ enjoy cooking.

7. Ben is thoughtful _____ he always plays with me when I'm lonely.

8. Kate walked home from school slowly _____ she was tired.

9. Babies cry all the time _____ they can get some attention from their mum.

10. Year Five is a hardworking class _____ all of the children want to do well at school.