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Making Compound Sentences

READ THIS FIRST

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

Two simple sentences can be joined together with a conjunction to make a compound sentence. For example:

'I do not like eating meat.' is a simple sentence.

'I love vegetables.' is also a simple sentence.

By putting the two sentences together and joining them with a conjunction, we can make a much more interesting compound sentence.

'I do not like eating meat' + **but** + 'I love vegetables.' =

'I do not like eating meat, but I love vegetables.'

Remember, commas are not conjunctions and they should never be used to join two sentences together. (Commas are not sticky, so you can't use them to stick information together!)

NOW TRY THIS

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

1. I enjoy reading. I don't enjoy cooking.
2. Ben is thoughtful. He always plays with me when I'm lonely.
3. Kate walked home from school slowly. She was tired.
4. Babies cry all of the time. They can get some attention from their mum.
5. Year Five is a hardworking class. All of the children want to do well at school.
6. I can use simple sentences in my writing. I can use compound ones to make it more interesting.

<u>Connectives</u>		
and	because	so
as	but	or

NOW TRY WRITING A DESCRIPTION OF YOUR CLASSROOM USING A MIXTURE OF
SIMPLE AND COMPOUND SENTENCES.