

# Conjunctions join bits of a sentence Together

Conjunctions are words like 'and', 'but' and 'then'. They join words together in a sentence. They also join two short sentences together to make one long one.



*Iqbal and Tina got up on stage. They sang together.*



'And' joins the two words together here.



*Iqbal and Tina got up on stage and sang together.*



'And' joins the two bits of the sentence together here.

...but wait, there's more!  
So, if, while, when, however,  
because, and though are all  
conjunctions too.

# Sentences with 'and' and 'but'

When you're writing, you'll get more marks if you have a mixture of long and short sentences. Luckily, there are some cunning ways of putting short sentences together to make longer ones.

## You can use 'And' or 'But' to Join Sentences

This is an easy way to write long sentences. Add the words 'and' or 'but' between two sentences instead of the first full stop.

### 1) Use 'and' to link Similar things



Pam jumped over a giant cauliflower.  
Tom jumped over Pam.

These two sentences talk about similar things, so I've made them into one sentence below.

Pam jumped over a giant cauliflower and Tom jumped over Pam.

Denise ate all the sweets and drank all the lemonade.

You don't have to write 'Denise' or 'she' again here because she is doing both the actions in the sentence.

### 2) Use 'but' to show Differences or Opposites

When you use 'but' to join two sentences, you're pointing out the difference between them.

Sean likes fish, but I prefer roast cheesecake on toast.

This sentence is made from these two using 'but'.

Sean likes fish.

I prefer roast cheesecake on toast.