

# Combine Sentences

A simple sentence expresses a complete thought. It contains one subject and one predicate. Two simple sentences may be combined to form a compound sentence. Use a comma and a conjunction such as **and**, **or**, **but**, or **so** to join the sentences.

**Simple Sentences:** The ball hit the window. The glass shattered.

**Compound Sentence:** The ball hit the window, **and** the glass shattered.

**Circle the conjunction that best works to combine the two simple sentences. Then write the compound sentence on the line. Be sure to use a comma.**

1. I liked the book. I didn't like the movie.  
but so

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2. I wanted a new bike. I started to save my money.  
or so

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3. Sheera went hiking. Alisa went with her.  
and or

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4. You can buy one large apple. You can buy two smaller apples.  
but or

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5. It's really hot today. Let's go to the pool.  
and so

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# Punctuate Dialogue

When writing dialogue, place the speaker's words in quotation marks. Place a comma after the speaker's introduction or tag. If the dialogue requires an exclamation point or a question mark, place the punctuation inside the final quotation marks. Place a comma inside the final quotation mark when the speaker's tag follows the speaker's words (do not add a comma if the dialogue ends in a question mark or exclamation point). The first word within the quotation marks should begin with a capital letter.

"I left my backpack on the bus," Tom said.

He added, "I'm so upset!"

"Did anyone see it?" Tom asked.

**Rewrite each sentence adding quotation marks and any other necessary punctuation marks.**

1. My friend said You can ride home with us

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2. Liza asked When is the next train

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3. May I speak with Ms. Kris the caller asked

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4. I plan to rake the leaves today said Dad

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5. That roller-coaster ride was awesome Maria cried

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6. The bank clerk asked How may I help you today

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