

# Combining Sentences

You can join sentences by using the joining words **and** and **but**.

Use **and** to join two sentences that are related. Look at the example below.

*Example: The train arrived at the station. Several passengers got off.*

*The train arrived at the station, **and** several passengers got off.*

The two sentences above can be joined with **and** because they are related. Both sentences are about what happened at the train station.

The two sentences below cannot be joined with **and** because they are not related.

*Example: Ali and I sometimes study together. Ali got a new baseball glove.*

Use **but** to join two sentences when the idea in the second sentence **goes against** the idea in the first sentence. Look at the example below.

*Example: I wanted to ride my bike to school. The roads were too icy.*

*I wanted to ride my bike to school, **but** the roads were too icy.*

When joining sentences, remember to use a **comma before** the joining word.

1. Where possible, use **and** or **but** to join the two sentences. If the sentences **cannot** be joined with **and** or **but**, write "Leave as two sentences."

a) Rita washed the dishes. I put them away.

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b) The sky was cloudy. Soon the sun came out.

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c) Our cat is hungry. She is two years old.

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d) I thought Kyle was asleep. He was awake.

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