GRAMMAR CHECK

Linkers: *and*, *but*, *so*, and *because*

and links two parts of a sentence with the same idea.

Holmes is not afraid of Roylott, and he laughs at him.

but links two parts of a sentence with different ideas.

Holmes is not a big man, but he can unbend a poker.

so links two parts of a sentence talking about the result of something.

Helen is afraid, so she goes to visit Holmes.

(= result of first part of sentence)

because links two parts of a sentence talking about the reason for something.

Roylott kills Julia because he wants her money.

(= reason for first part of sentence)

We usually put a comma before **and**, **but**, and **so** in the middle of a sentence.

5 Complete the sentences with *and*, *but*, *so*, or *because*.

a Helen is young, ...but...... she looks old.

b She needs Holmes's help .... strange things are happening to her.

c Holmes needs to see Stoke Moran, ... he goes there with Watson.

d Watson is a little afraid, ... he wants to help his friend.

e Nobody can go into Stoke Moran .... there are bars on the windows.

f The ventilator in Julia's room is new, ... it goes through to Roylott's room

g Holmes doesn't want to make a noise, ... he takes off his shoes.

h Someone lights a lamp, ... the two men smell hot oil.

i Holmes walks up to Roylott, ... the speckled band begins to move.

j Roylott dies, ... Holmes is not very sad.