

## Rap It Together!

Writing Compound Sentences — 5th Grade

**When you write, you may want to show how the ideas in two simple sentences are related.**

*You can combine the two sentences by using a comma and the conjunctions **and**, **but**, or **or** to show the connection. **And** shows a link between the ideas, **but** shows a contrast, and **or** shows a choice. The new sentence is called a compound sentence.*

Eminem grew up in Detroit. He loved writing rhymes as a kid.

**Eminem grew up in Detroit, and he loved writing rhymes as a kid.**

He faced many challenges. He never gave up on his dream.

**He faced many challenges, but he never gave up on his dream.**

Will he write a new album? Will he focus on other projects?

**Will he write a new album, or will he focus on other projects?**

Combine each pair of sentences. Use **and**, **but**, or **or** to show the connection between the ideas and make a compound sentence.

1. Eminem was born in St. Joseph, Missouri. He grew up on the east side of Detroit, Michigan.

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2. As a child, Eminem struggled in school. He discovered a talent for memorizing and writing lyrics.

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3. He entered local rap battles as a teenager. Most of the other performers were older than him.

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4. Music producer Dr. Dre heard Eminem's demo tape. He was immediately impressed by his skill.

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5. Eminem could continue making rap music. He could try producing albums for other artists.

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