ELEMENTARY UNIT 2

and, *but* and *or*

speakout WRITING TIP

We use *and*, *but* and *or* to connect ideas in sentences.

We use *and* to connect two things.

I like football ***and*** *I like tennis.*
He speaks English ***and*** *Spanish.*

Don't use *and* to connect ideas in negative sentences – use *or*.

I don't watch TV ***or*** *listen to the radio in the morning* NOT
~~*I don't watch TV and listen to the radio in the morning.*~~
He doesn't drink tea ***or*** *coffee* NOT
~~*He doesn't drink tea and coffee.*~~

We use *but* to show contrast.

I like football ***but*** *I don't like tennis.*
She doesn't eat meat ***but*** *she eats fish.*

We use *or* to show an alternative.

At the weekend I play tennis with my brother ***or*** *my sister.*
Every Saturday she goes to the cinema ***or*** *the theatre.*

1 **Match the sentence halves.**

1 Marika gets up early on weekdays …
2 Salome studies French …
3 Do you prefer going to the cinema …
4 I love eating burgers and pizzas …
5 Ilya doesn't like playing football …
6 I don't like listening to pop …
7 Marc usually walks to work
8 At the weekend, Helena meets her friends …

a) or classical music. I love jazz!
b) but I know it's not good for me.
c) or takes the bus – he never drives.
d) or watching DVDs at home?
e) and German at school.
f) and goes to a cafe for lunch.
g) but sleeps late at weekends.
h) or tennis because he likes doing exercise alone.

2 **Complete the sentences with *and*, *but* or *or*.**

1 I have breakfast at 8 _____ 8.30 in the morning.
2 He likes his job _____ she likes her job.
3 Marcel doesn't speak Spanish_____ Italian.
4 Sarah has a bike _____ she doesn't have a car.
5 He plays the violin in the morning _____ the piano in the afternoon.
6 Mike likes Brenda _____ Brenda doesn't like him.
7 She has dinner in a café _____ restaurant every day.
8 James doesn't read newspapers _____ watch the news on TV.

3 **Complete the email with the words in the box.**

and (x3)	but (x3)	or (x2)

Dear Paul

How are you? My name is Isabel [1]_____ I'm 25 years old. I'm from Barcelona [2]_____ I live in Madrid. I'm a teacher [3]_____ I work in a big school.

I like cycling and swimming [4]_____ I don't like running. I also like reading [5]_____ watching films.

At the weekend I usually go walking around the city then meet my friends. We always go to the cinema [6]_____ to a restaurant for dinner on Saturdays. I like going to restaurants [7]_____ I don't eat meat [8]_____ fish.

What about you?

Best wishes,

Isabel

4 **You're going to study English in London next summer and live with a British student. His name is John. Write an email to John to say who you are. Remember to connect your ideas using *and*, *but* and *or*.**

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Plan your writing

- Think about the information you want to put in your email: details about your interests, routine, things you like/dislike.
- Remember to use an informal greeting and close.

Writing plan

- Informal greeting
- Main paragraph: Write about yourself – your interests, things you like and don't like, routine.
- Informal close

Check your writing

- Did you connect your ideas using *and*, *but* or *or*?
- Did you check your grammar and spelling?
- Did you find any mistakes?

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