speakout WRITING EXTRA

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.

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.

Complete the sentences with and, but or or.

- I have breakfast at 8 ______ 8.30 in the morning.
 He likes his job ______ she likes her job.
 Marcel doesn't speak Spanish ____ Italian.
 Sarah has a bike _____ she doesn't have a car.
 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
- 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)

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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?

