

# AND, BUT, OR

The diagram illustrates the uses of conjunctions with arrows pointing to examples:

- AND** → **SIMILAR IDEAS**: He's a plumber, **and** she is a teacher.
- BUT** → **CONTRAST**: I studied a lot, **but** I failed the exam.
- OR** → **TWO POSSIBILITIES**: Do you prefer tea **or** coffee?

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## And

We use **and** for adding **similar information** or ideas; it means 'too' or 'in addition'.

- *My brother is a plumber, **and** my sister is a teacher.*
- *They have an apartment in the city **and** a little house in the countryside.*

When we are connecting sentences, we don't need to repeat the subject (**Tom, I, we, she, etc.**)

- *She got up **and** left. (=She got up and she left.)*
- *He was looking at us **and** smiling. (=He was looking at us and he was smiling.)*

## But

We use **but** for adding **contrasting information**, i.e. information that is different.

- *I studied a lot, **but** I failed the exam.*
- *He is good **but** not the best.*

## Or

We use **or** to connect **different possibilities**.

- *Would you like to go to the swimming pool **or** to the beach?*
- *He can go to a hotel **or** stay with us.*

We use **or** (NOT **and**) in negative sentences to mean 'not one thing and not another thing'.

- *I **don't** like oranges **and** lemons. ✗*
- *I **don't** like oranges **or** lemons. ✓*

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# WRITING

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7 Complete the sentences above with *and*, *but* and *or*.

- 1 We speak English for one hour. It's not easy, \_\_\_\_\_ we know it's good for us.
- 2 Do you play soccer on Saturday, \_\_\_\_\_ do you play tennis?
- 3 Do you like meeting people \_\_\_\_\_ watching movies with them?

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Fill in the missing word.



1. My name is Mariam **and / but / or** my sister's name is Fatima.
2. I'm 22 years old **and / but / or** my birthday is on Tuesday.
3. I was born in Dubai **and / but / or** I live in Al Ain now.
4. My mother was born in Oman **and / but / or** she lives in The UAE now.
5. Is he a doctor **and / but / or** a nurse?
6. My father is a police officer **and / but / or** he works at the police station.
7. Is your bag big **and / but / or** small?
8. I don't eat fish, beef **and / but / or** chicken.
9. I love dancing **and / but / or** my brother doesn't.
10. I'm married. I live with my husband **and / but / or** our three kids.