

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.

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

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

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

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