

A2 Skills for writing
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- a Jessica wants to sell her apartment. Read her advertisement on the Internet and mark x the pictures that she talks about.

Apartment for sale

Hi, I'm Jessica and I need to sell my apartment because I have a new job in another city.

The apartment is about seven miles from the city centre, but there's a metro station ten minutes' walk away. There are six rooms in the apartment. There's a big living room with a balcony. You can see a lovely park across the street. In the bathroom, there's a small bath and a shower. The kitchen has a sink, a cooker and a lot of cupboards. There are three bedrooms – one is very big, the other two are quite small. I don't need the curtains and wardrobes, so I can sell them with the apartment. The neighbourhood is busy in the day, but at night it is quiet and the neighbours don't make a lot of noise.

If you want to see the apartment, click on the reply button and I will email you back.

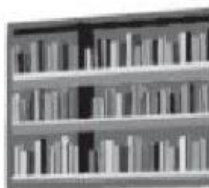

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b Read the advertisement again. Are the sentences true or false?

- 1 The apartment is near the centre of the city.
- 2 The metro station is near Jessica's apartment.
- 3 You can't see anything nice from the windows.
- 4 Jessica wants to sell some furniture with the apartment.
- 5 It's difficult to sleep at night in Jessica's neighbourhood.

2 WRITING SKILLS

Linking ideas with *and*, *but* and *so*

a Underline the best words to complete the sentences.

- 1 Jeff hasn't got a lot of furniture *and* / but / *so* his apartment's not very big *and* / *but* / so it's not a problem.
- 2 I live near the city centre *so* / *but* / *and* I don't need to use the metro – I can walk.
- 3 Simon's house is next to the river *so* / *and* / *but* there's a small park behind it as well.
- 4 We have a really big TV in our living room *so* / *and* / *but* it doesn't work *and* / *so* / *but* we usually watch programmes on the Internet.
- 5 My neighbours have got eight children *but* / *and* / *so* it's always very noisy.

Put the linking words in the correct place in the sentences. **Rewrite the sentences**

- 1 My neighbourhood's in the centre of town there are lots of different shops near my house. (and)
- 2 I live near the university there are lots of interesting shops in my neighbourhood. (so)
- 3 My neighbourhood's quite busy during the day it's nice and quiet at night. (but)
- 4 My house is near a park there's a small river with a bridge in the park. (and)
- 5 My neighbourhood is very friendly it's a nice place to live sometimes it's noisy in the evening. (so, but)
- 6 There's a popular café in my neighbourhood I don't like coffee I never go there. (but, so)