

92 *and, but, or*



1 *and, but and or*

We can use *and*, *but* and *or* to join two clauses. We put them between the clauses:

SENTENCE 1	LINKING WORD	SENTENCE 2
<i>I've washed up</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>I've put the dishes away.</i>
<i>I've washed up</i>	<i>but</i>	<i>I haven't put the dishes away.</i>
<i>I can wash up</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>I can put the dishes away.</i>

After *and* and *or* we don't need to repeat the subject (*I*, *he*, *you*, etc.) or the auxiliary/modal verb:

I've washed up and (I've) put the dishes away.

I can wash up or (I can) put the dishes away.

We don't need to repeat the verb if it is the same in both clauses:

I've made a cake and (I've made) some biscuits.

Would you like tea or (would you like) coffee?

We repeat the subject (*I*, *he*, *you*, etc.) after *but*:

I'd like to come but I haven't finished my homework yet.

2 *both ... and, either ... or*

We use *both ... and* and *either ... or* to make *and/or* stronger.

- both ... and* is for two similar ideas:

Hilary speaks French and Japanese.

Hilary speaks both French and Japanese.

We can go shopping and see the film. We've got time.

We can both go shopping and see the film. We've got time.

- either ... or* is for two choices:

We can watch TV or we can listen to music.

We can either watch TV or (we can) listen to music.

Practice

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

- 0 I've booked the flights *and* I've found a great hotel!
- 1 I've booked the flights I couldn't find a hotel.
- 2 I'm afraid I haven't booked the flights found a hotel. I've been too busy.
- 3 I haven't booked the flights yet I've found a really good hotel.
- 4 We visited Mum in hospital took her a huge bunch of flowers.
- 5 Did you visit Mum in hospital did you just phone her today?
- 6 We visited Mum in hospital we couldn't bring her home today.

2 GRAMMAR IN USE Complete the text with linking words from the box.

and (x 3) both but either or



Do something special – become a special police officer.

- Do you want to do something to help people (1) you don't know what?
- Are you (2) young with free time (3) retired from full-time work?
- Being a special police officer can (4) give you a new interest (5) provide some extra money for you.
- We train you (6) provide your uniform and equipment – we do this because we need people like you.

Become a special police officer (7) find a new life today.

3 Write sentences 1–3 with *both ... and*. Write sentences 4–6 with *either ... or*.

- 0 Julie / swim / dive very well *Julie both swims and dives very well.*
- 1 John / ride a motorbike / drive a car
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- 2 Samantha / work part-time / look after the baby
.....
- 3 Our cleaner / clean the house / wash the clothes
.....
- 00 we can / watch TV / go to the cinema *We can either watch TV or go to the cinema.*
- 4 we can / have a sandwich / go out for lunch
.....
- 5 after lunch / the children / play in the garden / watch some cartoons
.....
- 6 Carl / drive / take the train / when he visits customers
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