

GRAMMAR CHECK

Linkers: *and*, *but*, *so*, and *because*

and links two parts of a sentence with the same idea.

*Holmes is not afraid of Roylott, **and** he laughs at him.*

but links two parts of a sentence with different ideas.

*Holmes is not a big man, **but** he can unbend a poker.*

so links two parts of a sentence talking about the result of something.

*Helen is afraid, **so** she goes to visit Holmes.*

(= result of first part of sentence)

because links two parts of a sentence talking about the reason for something.

*Roylott kills Julia **because** he wants her money.*

(= reason for first part of sentence)

We usually put a comma before **and**, **but**, and **so** in the middle of a sentence.

5 Complete the sentences with *and*, *but*, *so*, or *because*.

- a Helen is young, **but** she looks old.
- b She needs Holmes's help strange things are happening to her.
- c Holmes needs to see Stoke Moran, he goes there with Watson.
- d Watson is a little afraid, he wants to help his friend.
- e Nobody can go into Stoke Moran there are bars on the windows.
- f The ventilator in Julia's room is new, it goes through to Roylott's room.
- g Holmes doesn't want to make a noise, he takes off his shoes.
- h Someone lights a lamp, the two men smell hot oil.
- i Holmes walks up to Roylott, the speckled band begins to move.
- j Roylott dies, Holmes is not very sad.

