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.

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

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

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

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

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