

Combining Sentences

Writers **combine simple sentences** into compound sentences to make their writing more interesting. Too many short sentences in a row can make your writing seem choppy.

You combine simple sentences using coordinating conjunctions. Some common conjunctions are listed below.

and	yet	nor
but	or	so

A Read the compound sentences below. Draw a line under the two complete ideas. Circle the coordinating conjunction.

- I have never visited Africa, but I have visited Asia.
- You can teach us a dance, or you can tell us a story.
- I want to learn how to braid rugs, and I want to learn how to quilt.
- She has never played hockey, yet she enjoys ice-skating.

B Combine the simple sentences below into compound sentences using coordinating conjunctions.

- I wanted to buy a Chihuahua puppy. I started to save my money. _____

- Gillian likes to read. She is very good at it. _____

- Max has never liked swimming. He has never liked hot weather. _____

- I do not know how to play the violin. I do know how to play the piano. _____
