



A New Challenge



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 *or* shows a choice. The new sentence is called a **compound sentence**.

My sister wants to join a football team. My parents aren't so happy about it.

My sister wants to join a football team, *but* my parents aren't so happy about it.

Annie is determined. Her friends think she'd make a great place kicker.

Annie is determined, *and* her friends think she'd make a great place kicker.

Should Annie play football? Should she try something else?

Should Annie play football, *or* should she try something else?

Combine each pair of sentences. Use *and*, *but*, or *or* to show the connection between the ideas and make a compound sentence.

1. My sister Annie has always participated in sports. Many say she's a natural athlete.

2. Soccer, basketball, and softball are fun. She wanted a new challenge.

3. My sister talked to my brother and me. We were honest with her.

4. I told Annie to go for it. My brother told her to stick with soccer or basketball.

5. Will Dad convince her to try skiing? Will he suggest ice skating?



Continue the story about Annie's choice on another piece of paper. Include some compound sentences to tell what happens. Make sure your sentences begin and end correctly. Remember to check for spelling errors.

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1. My sister Annie has always participated in sports, and many say she's a natural athlete. 2. Soccer, basketball, and softball are fun, but she wanted a new challenge. 3. My sister talked to my brother and me, and we were honest with her. 4. I told Annie to go for it, but my brother told her to stick with soccer or basketball. 5. Will Dad convince her to try skiing, or will he suggest ice skating?