



Instructions to Students

Welcome to Linking Ideas!

In this activity, you will learn how to combine two simple ideas using words like *and*, *but*, and *so*. Follow these steps:

1. Pick two simple sentence cards.
2. Choose a conjunction to link your sentences together.
3. Write your compound sentence on the writing sheet.
4. Draw a picture showing how your two ideas connect.
5. Share your sentence and drawing with a friend!

Have fun connecting your ideas!



Simple sentence cards

Simple Sentence 1	Simple Sentence 2
The cat is sleeping.	The dog is awake.
It is raining.	I brought my umbrella.
I like dumplings.	I don't like broccoli.
The sun is shining.	We are playing outside.
The rabbit is running.	The turtle is moving slowly.
I'm hungry.	Dinner is almost ready.
I love reading books.	I also like drawing pictures.
It was my birthday.	I got a new bike.
I finished my homework.	I can play video games now.
The cake looks delicious.	It tastes even better!



Conjunction Cards

and

but

so



Example chart with sample compound sentences

Simple Sentence 1	Simple Sentence 2	Compound Sentence
The cat is sleeping.	The dog is awake.	The cat is sleeping, <i>but</i> the dog is awake.
It is raining.	I brought my umbrella.	It is raining, so I brought my umbrella.
I like pizza.	I don't like broccoli.	I like pizza, <i>but</i> I don't like broccoli.
The sun is shining.	We are playing outside.	The sun is shining, so we are playing outside.

Sentence starter cards (optional)

The cat is sleeping, _____

I like ice cream, _____

The sun is shining, _____

I finished my homework, _____

It is raining, _____

I'm hungry, _____

The dog is barking, _____

It's my birthday, _____

The cake looks delicious, _____

The rabbit is fast, _____

I'm tired, _____

The flowers are blooming, _____

We are at the beach, _____

The bird is flying, _____

I found a coin, _____

The bus is late, _____

I brought my umbrella, _____

The sky is cloudy, _____

The dog is big, _____

It's cold outside, _____

How to Use:

1. **Print and cut out** the sentence starter cards.
2. Students can pick a card, complete the sentence by adding a second idea and a conjunction (*and, but, so*), then write the full compound sentence.