

# Connecting Words & Combining Sentences

## Lecture: 9

### Part: 1

## Introducing Sentences

### Parts of the Sentence

1. Connecting words
2. Combining sentences

## Introducing Sentences

### Connecting words : and, or

Often you need to connect words or groups of words in a sentence .

One way to do this is to use a connecting word. Connecting words are **conjunctions**.

There are many types of conjunctions in English. Two of the most common ones are **and**, and **or**. They have different meanings.

**And** joins two or more **similar things** in **positive** sentences.

- I **like** Chinese and Italian food.
- Swimming and reading **are** my favourite hobbies.
- We **have** class on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

**Or** connects two or more **similar things** in a **negative** sentence.

- I **don't** like British or American food.
- We **don't** have class on Tuesdays or Thursdays.
- I **can't** play tennis, ride a horse, or swim very well.

**Or** also connects two or more **choices** or **alternatives**.

- I would like to go to Hawaii , Tahiti, or Fiji on my next vacation.(I cannot go to all three places. I will choose one.)
- My father or my mother will meet me at the airport.

(This means that only one person will come to the airport.)

**Compare:** My father and my mother will meet me at the airport.

This sentence means that two people will come to the airport.)

### Combining Sentences

Conjunction	Use	Example
<b>And</b>	Joins two similar ideas together.	I can speak <b>and</b> understand English.  Blue and yellow are my favorite colors.
<b>But</b>	Joins two contrasting ideas.	Sarah enjoys spending time with her family, <b>but</b> she doesn't see them very often.
<b>Or</b>	shows choosing between things.	In the mall, you can shop, eat, <b>or</b> watch a film.

**Combine the two sentences to make one sentence. Use and or or according to the meaning.**

Example:

- I like chocolate ice cream. I like coffee ice cream.

I like chocolate **and** coffee ice cream.

- I can speak English . I can understand English.
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- I can't speak French. I can't speak Italian.
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- Would you like soup? Would you like salad? ( you can have only one)
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## Give Information about Yourself

### Sentence Combining

Sentence combining is an exercise to improve your sentence writing.

When you do that, you combine two short sentences into one longer sentence. All the long sentences together make a paragraph.

The simplest way to combine two simple sentences together is to link them with a **conjunction**. Common conjunctions are "and," "but," and "or".

Examples of this kind of sentence would be:

"I like to swim, **but** I enjoy running.

Adults **and** children like me.

1. I got an A in my exam. I didn't study.

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2. I have a cat. I have a bird.

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3. Would you like milk? Would you like juice?

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4. The Smiths are rich. They are not happy.

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