

Varied Fluency

Step 1: Using 'so', 'and', 'but' and 'or'

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 2: (2G3.3) [Co-ordination \(using or, and, or but\)](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support using the conjunctions 'so', 'and' and 'but' in sentences.

Expected Questions to support using the conjunctions 'so', 'and', 'but' and 'or' in sentences.

Greater Depth Questions to support using the conjunctions 'so', 'and', 'but' and 'or' in sentences. Includes two conjunctions per sentence and up to three clauses.

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1a. Underline the conjunction in the sentence below.

I love my mum and she loves me.



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1b. Underline the conjunction in the sentence below.

It was hot so we played outside.



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2a. Circle the conjunction needed to join the sentences together.

It is cold. I need my coat.

so

but



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2b. Circle the conjunction needed to join the sentences together.

I fell over. I hurt myself.

but

and



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3a. Which sentence uses the correct conjunction?

A. Ben made cakes but he burnt them.

B. I like you but you are my friend.



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3b. Which sentence uses the correct conjunction?

A. Jess saw a deer or she took a photo.

B. It is warm so I wear a T-shirt.



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4a. Use the word bank to add the missing conjunctions to the sentences.

so

and

but

A. Amy is my friend _____ Tom is too.

B. I was thirsty _____ I drank some juice.

C. He loves bees _____ he hates wasps.



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4b. Use the word bank to add the missing conjunctions to the sentences.

so

and

but

A. I like peas _____ I do not like carrots.

B. Ben has a fish _____ it is called Sam.

C. I fell asleep _____ I missed the film.



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5a. Underline the conjunction in the sentence below.

My homework was hard so my dad helped me.



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5b. Underline the conjunction in the sentence below.

You can have your snack now or you can have it after we do the shopping?



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6a. Circle the conjunction needed to join the sentences together.

I want to go to the park. It is raining outside.

but

or



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6b. Circle the conjunction needed to join the sentences together.

I cut my knee. I put on a plaster.

so

but



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7a. Which sentence uses the correct conjunction?

A. Kelly made some brownies and they were delicious.

B. Sam tidied the classroom or he got a sticker.



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7b. Which sentence uses the correct conjunction?

A. He ran to the station or he missed the bus.

B. Ali wanted to go to the party but he felt sick.



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8a. Use the word bank to add the missing conjunctions to the sentences.

so

and

but

or

A. I broke my arm _____ I went to the hospital.

B. Dan likes oranges _____ Zoya prefers apples.

C. We could go to the cinema _____ we could go bowling.

D. He loves dogs _____ he likes cats too.



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8b. Use the word bank to add the missing conjunctions to the sentences.

so

and

but

or

A. I did my homework _____ I tidied my bedroom.

B. Lily was tired _____ she went to bed early.

C. I had to go home for my dinner _____ I wanted to play outside.

D. Shall we drive to London _____ shall we go on the train?



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9a. Underline the conjunctions in the sentence below.

I saw my friend at the shop and later on again at the park but he didn't see me.



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9b. Underline the conjunctions in the sentence below.

I forgot my bus fare so I was going to walk home but my friend paid for me.



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10a. Circle the conjunctions needed to join the sentences together.

James was getting ready to go jogging
 but or it started to snow so and
he went on his exercise bike instead.



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10b. Circle the conjunctions needed to join the sentences together.

At the weekend, we could go shopping
 but and watch a film at the cinema
 so or we could go swimming.



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11a. Which sentence uses both conjunctions correctly?

A. Sarah planted some seeds in the garden and bulbs in the flower beds so she forgot to water them.

B. I found some money so I gave it to my teacher and she put it in the office.



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11b. Which sentence uses both conjunctions correctly?

A. We could play football on Monday or play cricket on Tuesday but we don't have time to do both.

B. I wanted to bake a cake so I went to the shop for eggs or they had none left.



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12a. Use the conjunctions 'so', 'and', 'but' and 'or' to complete the sentences.

A. My mum took me out for lunch _____
I made her a thank you card _____ she loved it.

B. I couldn't decide whether to buy a sandwich _____ make a salad at home _____ I had both.

C. Rob tried to walk to the car _____ it was icy _____ he slipped over.

D. My sister went to the park _____ the gates were locked _____ she came home again.



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12b. Use the conjunctions 'so', 'and', 'but' and 'or' to complete the sentences.

A. Jake wants to be on the school council _____ we need to vote _____ the result will be announced soon.

B. I would love to go rock climbing _____ I am afraid of heights _____ I think I will go skiing instead.

C. My cat Fluffy is stuck in a tree _____ she is hurt _____ we need to rescue her.

D. I am either going to France _____ staying at home this summer _____ I will have a good time whatever I do.



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Developing

- 1a. **and**
- 2a. **so**
- 3a. **A**
- 4a. **A – and, B – so, C – but**

Expected

- 5a. **so**
- 6a. **but**
- 7a. **A**
- 8a. **A – so, B – but, C – or, D – and**

Greater Depth

- 9a. **and, but**
- 10a. **but, so**
- 11a. **B**
- 12a. **A – so, and, B – or, so, C – but, so/and, D – but, so**

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Developing

- 1b. **so**
- 2b. **and**
- 3b. **B**
- 4b. **A – but, B – and, C – so**

Expected

- 5b. **or**
- 6b. **so**
- 7b. **B**
- 8b. **A – and, B – so, C – but, D – or**

Greater Depth

- 9b. **so, but**
- 10b. **and, or**
- 11b. **A**
- 12b. **A – but, so/and, B – but, so, C – and, so, D – or, but**