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## Sentence Combining: The Basics

Simple sentences are independent clauses. Combine the sentences with a coordinating conjunction, known in the **FANBOYS** acronym (**f**or, **a**nd, **n**or, **b**ut, **o**r, **y**et, **s**o).

1. She went to work. She did not want to go.

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2. The scientists trained him well. They helped him find a job when his training was through.

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3. Polar bears are fierce, territorial animals. Grizzly bears are the same.

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4. Mark told me not to come with him. He looked longingly at me as I left.

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5. I will not give in to you. I will not let you push me around.

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6. My father loves to drive during the day. His nursing home lets him drive before 9pm.

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7. I want to go on a date with Javier. I'll ask him out.

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8. They couldn't think of anything better to do. They decided to baby-sit for the family.

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9. A book can be a lot of fun to read. A book can be boring.

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10. My cat was hungry. It had not eaten since breakfast.

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### ANSWER KEY

1. **She went to work. She did not want to go.**

She went to work, **but (or yet)** she did not want to go.

2. **The scientists trained him well. They helped him find a job when his training was through.**

The scientists trained him well, **and** they helped him find a job when his training was through.

3. **Polar bears are fierce, territorial animals. Grizzly bears are the same.**

Polar bears are fierce, territorial animals, **and** grizzly bears are the same.

4. **Mark told me not to come with him. He looked longingly at me as I left.**

Mark told me not to come with him, **yet (but)** he looked longingly at me as I left.

5. **I will not give in to you. I will not let you push me around.**

I will not give in to you, **nor** will I not let you push me around.

6. **My father loves to drive during the day. His nursing home lets him drive before 9pm.**

My father loves to drive during the day, **so** his nursing home lets him drive before 9pm.

7. **I want to go on a date with Javier. I'll ask him out.**

I want to go on a date with Javier, **so** I'll ask him out..

8. **They couldn't think of anything better to do. They decided to baby-sit for the family.**

We couldn't think of anything better to do, **so** we agreed to baby-sit for the family.

9. **A book can be a lot of fun to read. A book can be boring.**

A book can be a lot of fun to read, **or** a book can be boring.

10. **My cat was hungry. It had not eaten since breakfast.**

My cat was hungry, **for** it had not eaten since breakfast.

