

Joining Words

and, but, so, or · however, although, despite

The leaves are red, **and** the air is cool. Two sentences and one joining word make one longer sentence. Some words **add** an idea, and some say something **different**.

★ which word? comma or no comma? · ★★ join them, you choose, fix it · ★★★ stronger words, your fall

★ Four joining words

Two sentences + one joining word = one longer sentence.

and

adds one more idea

The leaves are red, **AND** the air is cool. 🗣️

Kevin rakes the leaves, **AND** his kids jump in them. 🗣️

but

something different

It's sunny, **BUT** it's very cold. 🗣️

Janet loves fall, **BUT** she doesn't like the rain. 🗣️

so

what happens next

It's chilly, **SO** Farhan is wearing a sweater. 🗣️

The apples are ripe, **SO** we are picking them. 🗣️

or

a choice

You can wear a sweater, **OR** you can wear a jacket. 🗣️

We can carve a pumpkin tonight, **OR** we can do it on Saturday. 🗣️

Sentence, **and** / **but** / **so** / **or** + sentence. Two whole sentences: put a comma before the word.

★ Which word?

Read both parts. Which word joins them? Click one.

1 It's sunny, _____ it's very windy.

and

but

so

or

2 Bilal's coat is too small, _____ he is buying a new one.

and

but

so

or

3 We can drink cider, _____ we can drink hot tea.

and

but

so

or

4 Petra is carving a pumpkin, _____ her daughter is helping her.

and

but

so

or

5 Michael likes apple pie, _____ he doesn't like pumpkin pie.

and

but

so

or

6 It's raining today, _____ Luan is taking an umbrella.

and

but

so

or

7 Soledad cleans the yard, _____ she also rakes the leaves.

and

but

so

or

8 You can pick apples, _____ you can pick pumpkins.

and

but

so

or

★ Comma or no comma?

Two whole sentences need a comma before the joining word. Two words do not. Click one.

1	It's cold and I'm wearing a hat.	comma	no comma
2	hats and gloves	comma	no comma
3	apples or pumpkins	comma	no comma
4	The sun is out but it's chilly.	comma	no comma
5	It's raining so we're staying home.	comma	no comma
6	red and orange leaves	comma	no comma
7	We can walk or we can drive.	comma	no comma
8	cold but sunny	comma	no comma

★★ Join them

Join the two sentences with the word. Write one sentence.

1	The leaves are yellow. The air is cool. and
2	It's sunny. It's very cold. but
3	We can rake the leaves today. We can rake them tomorrow. or
4	It's chilly. Janet is wearing a scarf. so
5	Soledad loves Halloween. She doesn't like scary movies. but
6	Kevin buys a pumpkin. His son carves it. and
7	The apples are ripe. We are picking them today. so
8	You can wear boots. You can wear sneakers. or

★★ You choose the word

Now you choose the word: and, but, so or or. Write one sentence.

1

It's dark at 6:00. Farhan turns on the lights.

2

Bilal has a warm coat. He is still cold.

3

We can go apple picking. We can go to the pumpkin farm.

4

Petra makes apple cider. Her husband makes pumpkin bread.

5

The store is closed. We can't buy cider today.

6

Luan likes the fall colors. He doesn't like the cold.

★★ Fix the sentence

Each sentence has the wrong joining word. Write it correctly.

1

✗ It's sunny, so it's very cold.

Sunny and cold are different.

2

✗ Michael is hungry, but he is eating an apple.

He is hungry, and the result is eating.

3

✗ We can stay home, and we can go to the park.

Home or the park? It is a choice.

4

✗ Kevin loves fall, so he doesn't like the rain.

Love and don't like are different.

5

✗ The leaves are falling, or Petra is raking them.

The leaves fall, and the result is raking.

★★★ Stronger joining words

Stronger words do the same two jobs: add an idea, or say something different. Each one has its own shape.

ADDING WORDS

also goes before the verb

Petra rakes the leaves. She **ALSO** cleans the yard. 🗣️

as well as + a noun

We bought apples **AS WELL AS** pumpkins. 🗣️

DIFFERENT WORDS

however starts a new sentence, comma after

It's sunny. **HOWEVER**, it's cold. 🗣️

although + a whole sentence

ALTHOUGH it's sunny, it's cold. 🗣️

despite + a noun, no verb

DESPITE the sun, it's cold. 🗣️

Not: ~~Despite it is sunny, it's cold.~~ Despite takes a noun: despite the sun.

★★★ Which word fits?

Which word fits? Look at what comes after the line. Click one.

1 _____ the rain, we went apple picking.

however

although

despite

2 It was raining. _____, we went apple picking.

however

although

despite

3 _____ it was cold, Petra wore sandals.

however

although

despite

4 Luan was tired. _____, he raked the leaves.

however

although

despite

5 _____ the cold, the kids played outside.

however

although

despite

6 _____ the store was busy, we found a pumpkin.

however

although

despite

★★★ Say it a stronger way

Write the sentence again with the new word.

1 It's raining, but we are picking apples. **However**

1

2 Bilal is tired, but he is raking the leaves. **Although**

2

3 We bought apples, and we bought pumpkins. **as well as**

3

4 It was windy, but we went to the farm. **Despite**

4

★★★ Your fall

Now you. Finish each sentence about you. Then put one in the chat.

What do you like about fall? What don't you like?

1 I like (something), but I don't like (something).

What is the weather like today? What are you wearing?

2 Today it's (weather), so I'm wearing (clothes).

What can you do this weekend?

3 This weekend I can (do something), or I can (do something).

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