

Conjunctions

A **conjunction** is a word that connects words or groups of words.

- To add information, use the conjunction *and*. To show a choice, use the conjunction *or*. To show a difference, use the conjunction *but*.

James played ball and listened to music.

He had never played stickball, but he enjoyed it.

He could stay inside or play outside.

- You can use a conjunction to combine two sentences into a compound sentence. Add a comma before the conjunction in a compound sentence.

James had played baseball. He had never played stickball.

James had played baseball, but he had never played stickball.

Directions Write the conjunction in each sentence.

1. New York is a huge city, but it has many smaller neighborhoods.

but

2. Many artists and writers live in Greenwich Village.

and

3. Central Park has gardens, playgrounds, and a zoo.

and

4. You can see a play or a musical near Times Square.

or

5. It will take a long time to visit New York's neighborhoods, but you will enjoy them.

but

Directions Circle the correct word in () to complete each sentence.

6. Harlem is in New York City, (or, and) it is an interesting neighborhood.

7. It is not a wealthy area, (or, but) it is a lively one.

8. Writers from Harlem wrote poems, songs, (but, and) stories.

9. Would you like to read a poem about rain (or, but) a story about jazz?

10. Writers from Harlem chose these subjects (or, and) others.