

Combining Sentences

When you **combine sentences**, you join two sentences that are about the same topic. You make them into one sentence.

- You can join two simple sentences and make a compound sentence.

Add a comma and a conjunction such as *and*, *but*, or *or*.

Our class will paint a mural. We don't know when.

Our class will paint a mural, but we don't know when.

- You can combine two sentences that have the same subject.

The mural had bright colors. The mural showed many people.

The mural had bright colors and showed many people.

- You can combine two sentences that have the same predicate.

Michael liked the mural. I liked the mural.

Michael and I liked the mural.

Directions Combine each pair of short sentences into a compound sentence. Use a comma and the conjunction in ().

1. People in France explored caves. They found murals. (and)

People in France explored caves, and they found murals.

2. Were the murals painted by modern people? Were they painted by cave people long ago? (or)

Were the murals painted by modern people, or were they painted by cave people long ago?

Directions Combine each pair of sentences. Use the underlined words only once in your new sentence.

3. Horses were painted on the cave murals. Other animals were painted on the cave murals.

Horses and other animals were painted on the cave murals.

4. The cave artists were creative. The cave artists were talented.

The cave artists were creative and talented.