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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 went to the park and a ball game.

James had never been to New York City, but he liked it.

James could stay in the city or go back home.

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

James went to a ball game. Then he went home.

James went to a ball game, and then he went home.

Directions Write the conjunction in each sentence.

- Railroads were built in the 1800s, and Americans soon depended on them. and
- Americans could travel by stagecoach, but trains were much faster. but
- People could go 20 miles or all the way across country. or
- Today Americans travel by airplanes, cars, and trains. and
- You can take a train within a city or between cities. or

Directions Circle the conjunction in () that best completes each sentence.

- Daniel saw the Statue of Liberty (but, and) the Empire State Building.
- Was the Statue of Liberty dedicated in 1884 (or, but) 1886?
- It was sent to the United States in 1884, (or, but) it was dedicated in 1886.
- Is the statue made of copper (but, or) marble?
- The statue was cleaned (but, and) restored in the 1980s.



Home Activity Your child learned about conjunctions. Ask your child to name his or her favorite things to do after school, using one or more conjunctions.