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# 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*.

Jen painted a tree. I painted a flower.

Jen painted a tree, and I painted a flower.

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

Jen painted the sky blue. Jen colored the grass green.

Jen painted the sky blue and colored the grass green.

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

Jen worked on the mural. I worked on the mural.

Jen and I worked on the mural.

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

- Some murals show famous people. Our mural shows ordinary people. (but)

**Some murals show famous people, but our mural shows ordinary people.**

- I will show you the mural. You can find it yourself. (or)

**I will show you the mural, or you can find it yourself.**

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

- Diego Rivera came from Mexico. Diego Rivera painted murals in America.

**Diego Rivera came from Mexico and (or but) painted murals in America.**



**Home Activity** Your child learned about combining sentences. Point out two short related sentences in a book you are reading with your child. Have your child combine the sentences.