

## COMBINING TWO SIMPLE SENTENCES

### How Can Two Simple Sentences be Combined?

Two simple sentences can be combined by using words called conjunctions to join them. Some examples of conjunctions are:

- and
- but
- or

Two simple sentences can also be combined by joining the subjects or the predicates.

#### Joining the subjects:

Lillian likes bananas. I like bananas.  
Lillian and I like bananas.

#### Joining the predicates:

Mary went shopping. Mary did her homework.  
Mary went shopping and did her homework.

#### Examples

1] Jose ran. Jose jumped.  
Jose ran and jumped.

2] George likes cats. George likes dogs.  
George likes cats and dogs.

The sentences in both of the examples were combined without changing the meanings of the sentences.

#### Try This!

Have these sentences been combined without changing the meanings of the sentences?

1] Tom smiled. Jim frowned.  
Tom smiled, but Jim frowned.

- a] true
- b] false

2] The elephant eats pumpkins. The deer eats pumpkins.  
The elephant and the deer eat pumpkins.

- a] true
- b] false



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