Words That Connect

Add an idea or show a difference?

C.2.2.d "Use grade-appropriate conjunctions to develop text structure within sentences."

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADD AN IDEA

Use and to join ideas that go together. It adds another idea.

A rabbit hops, and a turtle crawls.

SHOW A DIFFERENCE

Use but to join ideas that are different in a surprising way.

My soup is hot, but the bowl is cool.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle AND or BUT for each blank, then in Part 2 pick two numbers and explain how you knew each word fits.

1. Mia has a red hat, ____ she has red boots. AND BUT

2. The dog is tiny, ____ its bark is loud. AND BUT

3. I can jump, ____ I can skip. AND BUT

4. The cake smells sweet, ____ it tastes sour. AND BUT

5. We drew stars, ____ we drew moons. AND BUT

6. The box looks heavy, ____ it is light. AND BUT

7. The bell rang, ____ no one heard it. AND BUT

8. Dad washed the cups, ____ I dried them. AND BUT

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new sentence with and to add an idea, then write one with but to show a difference.

AND _____

BUT _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that uses both and and but to join three ideas.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Mia has a red hat, ___ she has red boots.	**AND**	The second idea adds another thing Mia has.
2	The dog is tiny, ___ its bark is loud.	**BUT**	The loud bark is surprising for a tiny dog.
3	I can jump, ___ I can skip.	**AND**	The second idea adds another thing the speaker can do.
4	The cake smells sweet, ___ it tastes sour.	**BUT**	The taste is different from what the smell suggests.
5	We drew stars, ___ we drew moons.	**AND**	The second idea adds another thing they drew.
6	The box looks heavy, ___ it is light.	**BUT**	The box is lighter than it looks.
7	The bell rang, ___ no one heard it.	**BUT**	No one hearing the bell is surprising.
8	Dad washed the cups, ___ I dried them.	**AND**	The second idea adds another task that was done.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **AND**: The bird sang, and the bee buzzed.
- **BUT**: The path was long, but we walked it.

Challenge: I found a shell, and I found a stone, but I lost my coin.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify an added idea for AND or a surprising difference for BUT. For example, in item 2, a tiny dog having a loud bark is surprising.