Join Word Hunt

Listen for joining words, then use them in your own sentences.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.1.1g "Use frequently occurring conjunctions (e.g., and, but, or, so, because)."

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Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 CIRCLE IT

a	**and**	**but**	**or**	**because**
b	**and**	**but**	**so**	**because**
c	**and**	**or**	**but**	**so**
d	**so**	**because**	**but**	**or**

2 WRITE AND SAY

ANSWER KEY

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HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read sentences and choices aloud. Children circle the joining word, then write so and because. In Part 2, each child says two complete sentences with their own endings: so introduces a result; because introduces a reason.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 · CIRCLE IT

SAY "Listen to each sentence. I will read the words in the row too. Which joining word do you hear? Circle it."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Listen: "Mia has a red hat and a blue hat." The choices are and, but, or, and because. Which joining word did you hear? Circle it.	**and**
b	Listen: "I wanted to swing, but it was wet." The choices are and, but, so, and because. Which joining word did you hear? Circle it.	**but**
c	Listen: "We can sing or hum." The choices are and, or, but, and so. Which joining word did you hear? Circle it.	**or**
d	Listen: "The seed grew because it had water." The choices are so, because, but, and or. Which joining word did you hear? Circle it.	**because**

PART 2 · WRITE AND SAY

SAY "In box one, write so; in box two, write because. Now finish and say this whole sentence with your own idea: "It was late, so ____." Next finish and say: "I smiled because ____." Tell me the result in your first sentence and the reason in your second sentence."

- Box 1: **so**
- Box 2: **because**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle and, but, or, because. Accept written so and because. Listen for two original complete sentences with sensible connections: It was late, so we went inside. I smiled because my puppy came home. Accept other endings; help clarify an unclear connection. Repeating joining words alone is insufficient.