What Does It Join?

Sort sentences by what and or but joins.

2.L.1.h "Use conjunctions to produce, expand, and rearrange complete simple and compound sentences."

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JOINS WORDS

And or but joins words in one thought. It does not join two complete thoughts.

A whale and a seal swam.

JOINS SENTENCES

And or but joins two complete thoughts. Each thought could be a sentence by itself.

The lamp blinked, but the room stayed dark.

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1 SORT, circle WORDS or SENTENCES for each item; for Part 2 PROVE IT, choose one item from each group and explain how you knew.

1. Mia packed socks and mittens. WORDS SENTENCES

2. The bell rang, and we lined up. WORDS SENTENCES

3. I drew a map, but Ben drew a star. WORDS SENTENCES

4. I brought crayons and paper. WORDS SENTENCES

5. The red and yellow leaves fell. WORDS SENTENCES

6. The rain stopped, and the sun came out. WORDS SENTENCES

7. Sam washed cups and plates. WORDS SENTENCES

8. Dad and Mom made lunch. WORDS SENTENCES

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

For Part 3 MAKE YOUR OWN, write one new WORDS sentence and one new SENTENCES sentence.

WORDS _____

SENTENCES _____

CHALLENGE

Rewrite your WORDS sentence so and or but joins two complete thoughts.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Mia packed socks and mittens.	**WORDS**	And joins the words socks and mittens.
2	The bell rang, and we lined up.	**SENTENCES**	The bell rang and we lined up are complete thoughts.
3	I drew a map, but Ben drew a star.	**SENTENCES**	Each side of but is a complete thought.
4	I brought crayons and paper.	**WORDS**	And joins the words crayons and paper.
5	The red and yellow leaves fell.	**WORDS**	And joins the words red and yellow.
6	The rain stopped, and the sun came out.	**SENTENCES**	Each side of and is a complete thought.
7	Sam washed cups and plates.	**WORDS**	And joins the words cups and plates.
8	Dad and Mom made lunch.	**WORDS**	And joins the words Dad and Mom.

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)

- **WORDS**: The cake and the pie cooled.
- **SENTENCES**: The pup slept, but the kitten played.

Challenge: The cake cooled, and the pie cooled.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify what is joined, such as item 1 joining socks and mittens and item 2 joining the complete thoughts “The bell rang” and “we lined up.”