Pupil book answers

Grammar

chofield & Sims Grammar and Punctuation

Joining words: 'and', 'but'

Remember

The words 'and' and 'but' are joining words. They join together two sentences to make one longer sentence.

She saw the porridge and it smelt delicious.

She tasted the porridge **but** it was too hot.

The children could use 'and' instead of 'but' in the third and fifth sentences. Encourage them to think about whether the second part of the sentence follows on from the first

or contrasts with it.

Try it

1 Choose the best joining word, 'and' or 'but', to complete each sentence.

She opened the door <u>and</u> they went inside.

I can swim a width ____ but ___ I cannot dive in.

Ali found a wooden chest but it was locked.

A car came down the road and it stopped outside.

He waited <u>and</u> he waited <u>but</u> no-one came.

2 Add the joining word 'but' and then complete each sentence.

The rabbit was only small <u>but he was brave.</u>

I like grapes but I do not like bananas.

I wanted to go skating but the ice rink was closed.

Lucy was winning the race but she fell over.

A spider has eight legs but a ladybird has six legs.

Sentence practice

Write a sentence about a monster using the word 'but'.

The monster was big but he did not scare us.

These are example sentences. Check that 'but' introduces something that contrasts with the first part of the sentence. Compare the children's answers.

Check that sentences are correctly punctuated with a full stop at the end.

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This is an example of a possible sentence. The sentence should make sense and be correctly punctuated.

Compare the children's different sentences and how they use the word 'but'.