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Sentence Combining: The Basics

Simple sentences are independent clauses. Combine the sentences with a coordinating conjunction, known in the **FANBOYS** acronym (**f**or, **a**nd, **n**or, **b**ut, **o**r, **y**et, **s**o).

1. She went to work. She did not want to go.

2. The scientists trained him well. They helped him find a job when his training was through.

3. Polar bears are fierce, territorial animals. Grizzly bears are the same.

4. Mark told me not to come with him. He looked longingly at me as I left.

5. I will not give in to you. I will not let you push me around.

6. My father loves to drive during the day. His nursing home lets him drive before 9pm.

7. I want to go on a date with Javier. I'll ask him out.

8. They couldn't think of anything better to do. They decided to baby-sit for the family.

9. A book can be a lot of fun to read. A book can be boring.

10. My cat was hungry. It had not eaten since breakfast.



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ANSWER KEY

1. **She went to work. She did not want to go.**

She went to work, **but (or yet)** she did not want to go.

2. **The scientists trained him well. They helped him find a job when his training was through.**

The scientists trained him well, **and** they helped him find a job when his training was through.

3. **Polar bears are fierce, territorial animals. Grizzly bears are the same.**

Polar bears are fierce, territorial animals, **and** grizzly bears are the same.

4. **Mark told me not to come with him. He looked longingly at me as I left.**

Mark told me not to come with him, **yet (but)** he looked longingly at me as I left.

5. **I will not give in to you. I will not let you push me around.**

I will not give in to you, **nor** will I not let you push me around.

6. **My father loves to drive during the day. His nursing home lets him drive before 9pm.**

My father loves to drive during the day, **so** his nursing home lets him drive before 9pm.

7. **I want to go on a date with Javier. I'll ask him out.**

I want to go on a date with Javier, **so** I'll ask him out..

8. **They couldn't think of anything better to do. They decided to baby-sit for the family.**

We couldn't think of anything better to do, **so** we agreed to baby-sit for the family.

9. **A book can be a lot of fun to read. A book can be boring.**

A book can be a lot of fun to read, **or** a book can be boring.

10. **My cat was hungry. It had not eaten since breakfast.**

My cat was hungry, **for** it had not eaten since breakfast.

