Joining words: answers and notes

What your child practised: joining two ideas into one sentence with and, but, or and because, and trying when and if (Year 2 grammar).

Page 1 · Warm up

1. **and** 2. **or**

Page 2 · Try it together

Answers will vary. Check the joining word fits: and adds, but changes, or chooses, because gives a reason.

Page 2 · A. Best joining word

1. **because** 2. **or** 3. **but** 4. **and**

Page 3 · B. Match the halves

Leo wanted to play **but he had to go to bed.**
We went to the park **and we fed the ducks.**
Ava felt sad **because she lost her kite.**

Page 3 · C. Join them

1. Mia went to bed **because** she was tired.
2. The sun came out **and** we went to the beach.

Page 3 · D. Finish it

Answers will vary, e.g. I smile when **I see my friends**. I will help you if **you ask me**.

Challenge: No. "because I was hungry" is not a sentence on its own. Take out the first full stop to join the ideas: **I ate my lunch because I was hungry.**

Watch out for

- **Two full stops.** A joined sentence has one full stop, at the end. Read it aloud without stopping.
- **and, and, and…** Long chains of and are hard to read. Try but or because instead.
- **but for a reason** ("I wore my coat but it was cold"). Ask: "Is it a change, or a reason?" A reason needs because.

Going further (no paper)

- **Because chain:** say "I'm happy because…". Your child finishes it, then starts a new one for you.
- **Or game:** ask choices at mealtimes: "Do you want peas or carrots?"
- **In the game:** this is the last chapter. Play any island again to practise all four sentence types.