Join two ideas: answers and notes

What your child practised: choosing the joining word and, and using it to join two ideas into one sentence with one capital letter and one full stop (Year 1 English: joining clauses using and).

Page 1 · Warm up

Ring **and** in both rows.

Page 2 · Try it together

Answers will vary, such as **The girl is reading and the cat is asleep.**

Page 2 · A. The joining word

1. **and** (The cat sat and it purred.)
2. **and** (I fell and I hurt my leg.)
3. **and** (Leo fell over and he got up.)

Page 3 · B. Join them

1. **The sun set and the stars came out.**
2. **Zoe made a card and she gave it to her friend.**
3. **I fed the fish and I fed the cat.**

Page 3 · C. Your sentence

Answers will vary, such as **I went to school and I played with Sam.** Check: one capital at the start, and, one full stop at the end.

Challenge: It is hard to read, because there are too many ands. Better: split it into shorter sentences, such as **I ran and I jumped. I hopped and I skipped. Then I fell over!** Any sensible split is fine.

Watch out for

- **Picking a word because it is in the sentence already** (cat, up). Read the sentence aloud with each choice.
- **Keeping both full stops or both capitals** when joining (The sun set. and The stars…). One start, one end.
- **Very long chains of and.** Praise the joining, then help your child stop after two ideas.

Going further (5 minutes, no paper)

- **And-chain:** say "I went to the shop and I bought…". Your child finishes with one more idea.
- **What happened?** At bedtime, ask for two things from the day, joined with and.
- **In the game:** Chapter 13, What comes next?, has your child pick a sensible ending after and.