

Teaching and Learning Objectives for writing at ESL level 3

B3.A. Construct several simple statements and questions containing subjects, verbs and objects on familiar topics.

C4B. Begin to construct compound sentences using and/or

Sentence combining

Sometimes we want to add two sentences together when we write. One way to do that is to use a comma with and, or, but, so.

Examples:

1. The students speak in English, and they study grammar.
2. Jean drinks tea, but she doesn't drink coffee.
3. You can do your homework now, or you can do it in the morning before class.
4. The students want to improve their writing, so they signed up for an intensive writing class.

Look at the following sentences and combine them using a comma and, or, but, so.

Practice:

1. Penny has a boyfriend. Inspector Portillo likes Penny.
2. Candida loved Frank. Marilyn loved Frank.
3. Penny heard a double bass on the street in Bilbao. The street musician said the double bass was his.
4. Inspector Portillo smiled at Penny. Inspector Portillo wanted to ask Penny a question.
5. Penny wanted her double bass back. Penny gave the street musician some money.