And, But, So

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: A **conjunction** is a joining word. It joins words or ideas: *and* adds, *but* shows a difference, *or* gives a choice, *so* tells what happened because of something.

and = adds more · **but** = something different or surprising · **so** = this happened because of that



1. And, but or so?

Circle the joining word that makes sense.

1. It was snowing, _____ we built a snowman. (and) (but) (so)
2. I like apples, _____ I do not like pears. (but) (so) (and)
3. Mia has a cat _____ a dog. (but) (and) (so)
4. The bus was late, _____ we missed the start of the show. (so) (but) (and)
5. The puzzle was hard, _____ we finished it. (so) (and) (but)
6. We ate pizza _____ watched a movie. (and) (but) (so)
7. I was thirsty, _____ I drank some water. (but) (so) (and)
8. Sam is tall, _____ his brother is short. (and) (so) (but)

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2. Join the sentences

Join each pair of sentences with *and*, *but* or *so*. Use a comma before *but* and *so*.

1. I was tired. I went to bed early.

2. Leo likes soccer. He likes swimming too.

3. The sun was out. It was very cold.

4. My shoes were muddy. I took them off at the door.

5. I wanted to play outside. It started to rain.

Answer Key

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1. And, but or so?

1	It was snowing, **so** we built a snowman.	and	but	**so**
2	I like apples, **but** I do not like pears.	**but**	so	and
3	Mia has a cat **and** a dog.	but	**and**	so
4	The bus was late, **so** we missed the start of the show.	**so**	but	and
5	The puzzle was hard, **but** we finished it.	so	and	**but**
6	We ate pizza **and** watched a movie.	**and**	but	so
7	I was thirsty, **so** I drank some water.	but	**so**	and
8	Sam is tall, **but** his brother is short.	and	so	**but**

2. Join the sentences

Other correct answers are possible.

1. I was tired. I went to bed early.
   I was tired, so I went to bed early.
2. Leo likes soccer. He likes swimming too.
   Leo likes soccer and swimming.
3. The sun was out. It was very cold.
   The sun was out, but it was very cold.
4. My shoes were muddy. I took them off at the door.
   My shoes were muddy, so I took them off at the door.
5. I wanted to play outside. It started to rain.
   I wanted to play outside, but it started to rain.