

Combining Sentences Using Coordinating Words: Exercise 2

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And
Or

For
So

Yet
But

Use an appropriate coordinating word to join each of the following pairs of sentences. Remember to place a comma before the coordinating word. Some of the pairs of sentences can be joined with various coordinating words.

Example:

The pilot had accidentally shut down the engines. The jetliner began to descend.

The pilot had accidentally shut down the engines, **so** the jetliner began to descend.

1. Mary could feel a cavity developing in one of her teeth. She refused to go to a dentist.
2. The Japanese tried to move civilians off the island. More than 300 women and children were lost when their ship was sunk by a U.S. submarine.
3. She hadn't much money to spend on clothes. It was amazing that she always managed to appear well-dressed. (Note: Connect the sentences in this order.)
4. It was amazing that she always managed to appear well-dressed. She hadn't much money to spend on clothes.
5. He had the strength. He lacked the will.
6. The anti-government forces had to keep their identities secret. The death squads would eliminate them.

7. Edward R. Murrow was a vice-president of CBS. He criticized television executives for being more concerned with profit than with the public good.
8. We could buy a new computer. We could simply add a memory board to the one we already own.
9. A theory to explain the immune response was proposed in 1900. It was many years before it could be verified.
10. An American sociolinguist once remarked that he disliked the term "sociolinguistics." It seemed to imply that language could be used in a way that was not social.