

Combining Sentences with “But”

Grades 2–4

Join two contrasting ideas into one sentence using but.

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Combine each pair of sentences into one sentence using the word “but.” Add a comma before “but.”

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

2. The cake looked delicious. It tasted too sweet.

3. Jake studied all night. He still failed the quiz.

4. The puppy is small. The puppy is very strong.

5. We arrived early. The doors were still locked.

6. She practiced every day. She never learned to skate.

7. The movie was long. It was not boring.

8. He wanted a puppy. His mom said no.

9. The path looked short. It took two hours to walk.

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Sample answers shown below. Wording may vary — accept any grammatically correct combined sentence.

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1. I wanted to play outside, but it started to rain.
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3. Jake studied all night, but he still failed the quiz.
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