92 *and, but, or*

1 *and, but* and *or*

We can use *and*, *but* and *or* to join two clauses. We put them between the clauses:

SENTENCE 1	LINKING WORD	SENTENCE 2
I've washed up	*and*	*I've put the dishes away.*
I've washed up	*but*	*I haven't put the dishes away.*
I can wash up	*or*	*I can put the dishes away.*

After *and* and *or* we don't need to repeat the subject (*I*, *he*, *you*, etc.) or the auxiliary/modal verb:
I've washed up ***and*** *(I've) put the dishes away.*
I can wash up ***or*** *(I can) put the dishes away.*

We don't need to repeat the verb if it is the same in both clauses:
I've made a cake ***and*** *(I've made) some biscuits.*
Would you like tea ***or*** *(would you like) coffee?*

We repeat the subject (*I*, *he*, *you*, etc.) after *but*:
I'd like to come ***but*** ***I*** *haven't finished my homework yet.*

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2 *both ... and, either ... or*

We use *both ... and* and *either ... or* to make *and/or* stronger.

- *both ... and* is for two similar ideas:
  Hilary speaks French and Japanese.
  Hilary speaks ***both*** *French* ***and*** *Japanese.*
  We can go shopping and see the film. We've got time.
  We can ***both*** *go shopping* ***and*** *see the film. We've got time.*
- *either ... or* is for two choices:
  We can watch TV or we can listen to music.
  We can ***either*** *watch TV* ***or*** *(we can) listen to music.*