



Teaching Tricky Grammar: Joining words and joining clauses with 'and'

Takeaways from the video:

- An explanation of the ways 'and' can be used to join words and clauses
- Reference to key grammatical terminology including adjective, noun phrase, conjunction, coordinating conjunction, clause and phrase
- Teaching and learning examples that can be easily replicated for use with pupils.

Press Pause Questions:

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Can you combine these noun phrases using 'and'?

a big blue car	a yellow bike	a big blue car and a yellow bike
the bird	some squirrels	
those children	their parents	
my hat	my coat	

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How is 'and' being used in each of these sentences?

- The cat and the dog slept by the fire.
- James likes playing rugby and he enjoys reading books.
- Sarah likes red and yellow sweets.

Putting it into Practice

Use books and stories as models of different ways to use 'and'. E.g. Red rockets and Rainbow Jelly by Heap and Sharratt uses 'and' to link words and noun phrases.

Write single clause sentences and an 'and' on separate sentence strips. Show children how to combine the clauses and 'and' to create a new longer sentence.

Extend children's understanding when combining clauses with 'and' so that they replace repeated words (such as names with pronouns) to give their writing greater coherence e.g. Dan likes parrots. Dan loves puffins. Dan likes parrots and he loves puffins.

Review Question

Work with the class on shared editing tasks, for example, by displaying a text with lots of single clause sentences that could be combined with 'and'. Talk about why you are making changes and how it helps the text to flow and sound more engaging.