

Good writers use short and long sentences. You can join two shorter sentences by using a comma and the word “but”. **The word “but” is used to compare and contrast.**

Examples: It was time to get up. I was tired. (It was time to get up, but I was tired.)

It was raining. I didn’t bring an umbrella. (It was raining, but I didn’t bring an umbrella.)

Join these sentences with a comma and the word “but”.

1. Anna wanted to stay up. It was bedtime.

Anna wanted to stay up,  
but it was bedtime.

2. The weather was cold. Bill wore warm clothes.

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3. My sister likes swimming. My brother likes baseball.

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Write a sentence joining two shorter sentences. Use a comma and the word “but”.

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