Study Guide

Compound Sentences
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**Sentence Combining - D**A sentence expresses one complete thought. Sentence combining requires students to create complete sentences from two or more separate sentences while avoiding fragments and run-ons. At this level, sentence combining involves adding a phrase or clause, using conjunctions for smooth transitions, combining adjectives, and compound predicates, subjects, objects, and sentences.

You can help the student strengthen his or her skills by creating short, individual sentences. Then have the student combine the sentences in the best way possible.

Example:
1. Jane's mother is ill.
2. Jane's mother's name is Agatha.
3. Jane is going to the hospital to visit her mother.

You can combine the sentences by adding a phrase.
Because her mother, Agatha, is ill, Jane is going to visit her in the hospital.

Example:
1. Harry is taking an exam on Saturday.
2. Jonathan is taking an exam on Saturday.
3. Jonathan asked Harry for a ride to the exam on Saturday.
You can combine the sentences by adding a conjunction.
Jonathan asked Harry for a ride to the exam on Saturday because both of them are taking it.