

Joining two simple sentences into another simple sentence

Sentence synthesis means combining two or more simple sentences into one new sentence. The new sentence may be a simple sentence, a complex sentence or a compound sentence. In this lesson we will learn the different techniques used to combine two simple sentences into another simple sentence.

By using infinitives

Read the sentences given below.

I have to support my family. I want to find a job.

We can combine these two sentences into one using a to-infinitive.

I want to find a job to support my family.

More examples are given below.

She works hard. She wants to pass the test.

She works hard to pass the test.

I put on my best clothes. I wanted to impress her.

I put on my best clothes to impress her.

By using a noun or phrase in apposition

Study the sentences given below.

This is my sister. Her name is Mira.

We can combine these two sentences into one.

This is my sister, Mira.

Winston Churchill was a great politician and statesman. He also won the Nobel Prize for literature.

Winston Churchill, a great politician and statesman, also won the Nobel Prize for literature.

By using a participle

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We can combine two simple sentences into one by using a present or past participle.

He was frustrated with life. He tried to commit suicide.

Frustrated with life, he tried to commit suicide.

I saw the fox. It was chasing a rabbit.

I saw the fox chasing a rabbit.

The workers finished their work. They left for home.

Having finished their work, the workers left for home.

He was betrayed by his partner. He suffered huge losses.

Betrayed by his partner, he suffered huge losses.