

Week 23: Sentence Combining Using Words/Phrases in a Series

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Day One: Teacher-Directed Lesson

Combining short sentences into longer sentences creates a more mature written product and increases fluency. Using commas to join words or phrases in a series is one way to effectively combine sentences.

Example: Combine these sentences using commas to create a series.

In the 1700's, thousands of Europeans left Europe forever.

They risked a long ocean crossing.

They searched for a better way of life in America.

Combined sentence:

In the 1700's, thousands of Europeans left Europe forever, risked a long ocean crossing, and searched for a better way of life in America.

1. Combine these sentences using commas to create a series.

Europeans came to America for job opportunities.

Some wanted a chance to own land.

Others came for the freedom to practice their religion as they chose.

2. Combine these sentences using commas to create a series.

Fishermen settled in the New England Colonies.

Farmers settled in the New England Colonies, also.

Merchants and traders made a good life in the New England Colonies.

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Day Two:

1. Combine these sentences using commas to create a series.

The Middle Colonies attracted Dutch and Swedish craftsmen.

They also attracted German farmers and French traders.

This created a mingling of cultures in the Middle Colonies.

Choose the sentence which uses commas correctly.

2. Southern Colonies had good soil, and a long growing season.
 Southern Colonies had good soil and a long growing season.
3. Plantations developed in the South, and slave labor expanded.
 Plantations developed in the South and slave labor expanded.

Choose the answer that best completes the sentence.

4. Tobacco, cotton, and rice were the _____ crops.
 most common commonest
5. Southern harbors were the _____ in the colonies,
 allowing large ships to transport crops to England.
 deeper deepest
6. The Southern Colonies were clearly the _____ location
 for agriculture.
 better best

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Day Three:

Using a comma and a conjunction, combine each pair of independent clauses to create a compound sentence. Circle the conjunction in the new sentence.

1. The colonies along the Atlantic Ocean were primarily controlled by England.
France had vast holdings in the Ohio River Valley and in the area that is now Canada.

Study the two definitions below.
Choose the correct word to complete each definition.

(colony's colonies)

2. _____ This word is a possessive noun. When you use this word, it shows that something in the same sentence belongs to the colony. An apostrophe is used in this spelling.
3. _____ This word is a plural noun. It shows there is more than one colony. Clues like the words *many*, *several*, or *all of the*, often show that a plural noun is needed.

- Choose the correct word for each sentence below.
- Use an arrow to show what belongs to the possessive noun(s) below.
- Circle clue words to support your answer if you pick a plural spelling.

(colony's colonies)

4. Growth in all of the English _____ along the Atlantic coast progressed quickly.
5. Eventually, colonists in several of the more populated _____ began to feel a little cramped.
6. Unfortunately, a _____ opportunity to expand was limited; France owned the land to the west.

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Day Four:

1. Combine these sentences using commas to create a series.

In the Ohio River Valley, the French traded goods with the Native Americans.

They also learned their languages.

The French built trusting relationships with the Native Americans.

Choose the sentence which is correct.

2. The Indians allows the French to trap beaver in the rivers.
 The French sold the beaver skins in Europe to made popular beaver skin hats.
 Iron pots, tools, and guns was traded for beaver skins.
 These metal tools and weapons were valued by the Indians.
3. The French and Indians learning how to share the valley.
 They has become friends and soon would became allies.
 A threat was looming.
 The English colonies has their eyes on the Ohio River Valley.
4. England wanting to increase their land claims, and take land from the French.
 The French built forts to protect their holdings.
 Indians fears English expansion into the Ohio River Valley.
 Indians and French teams up against the English.

Choose the word that is an adverb in the sentence.

5. The Cherokee and Huron Indians cooperated fully with the French to oppose English expansion.
- cooperated fully expansion

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Day Five: Assessment

1. Combine these sentences using commas to create a series.

The Ohio River Valley was important to the Indians as their home.

The Ohio River Valley was important to the French as a location for trade.

It was important to the English as a site for expansion.

Choose the sentence which is correct.

2. "We were here first," said the Hurons and Cherokees, "But our bows and arrows are no match for their muskets."
 "Their diseases have killed our leaders and decimated our population," said the tribes.
 "perhaps the Great Spirit has abandoned us." said the people.
 The Hurons and the Cherokees agreed, "we will take the side of our friends, the French, in this battle."
3. "This is terrible" said the Iroquois tribe, who were bitter enemies of the Hurons.
 The Iroquois said, "If our enemies, the Hurons, join the French, we must join the other side!"
 "No," pleaded the elders, "we must stay out of this."
 "it is done. The mighty Iroquois will take the side of the English!" declared the chief.

Underline the verbs in the following sentences twice.

4. England and France fought for control of the Ohio River Valley.
5. The Hurons and Cherokees joined the side of the French.
6. The Iroquois joined the English, rather than fight alongside their enemies, the Hurons.

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If there is an error in an underlined section, make the correction in the space above. If there is no error, write OK above the underlined word or phrase.

We think of the United States of America as the first nation on the North American continent, but for 35,000 years this continent was home to more than 300 Native American nations. These nations had rich traditions worshiped different spirits and spoke hundreds of languages. Although they often fought for territory with each other, they're territorial battles intensified when the Europeans arrived.

When the English colonies "outgrew" their territory on the atlantic coast, England was interested in expanding. The Ohio River valley would have been a perfect location, except that it was held by France. Both England and France wanted this valley. And the battle for control led to the french and indian war.

England borrowed mountains of money to fight a seven-year war, and they eventually defeated the French. They had won the war but at a staggering cost. They was deeply in debt and militarily weakened. They needed to raise money by taxing the American colonies. Little did thay no that this would result in another war!