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Sentences

A comma (,) comes before the word *and*, *or*, or *but* when it is used to join two sentences into one compound sentence.

Blair made the bed. Ed fixed breakfast.

Blair made the bed, and Ed fixed breakfast.

Would Kara like a CD? Should I give her a book?

Would Kara like a CD, or should I give her a book?



I had five dollars. I needed ten.

I had five dollars, but I needed ten.



Join each pair of sentences with **and**, **or**, or **but**.
Remember to put a comma before the joining word.

1. Many people have seen the moon. Only a few have walked on it.

2. Everyone in the audience was quiet. The band started to play.

3. Be careful with those matches. You will start a forest fire.

4. The train stopped at the station. No one got off there.

5. Close the door of the cage. The mouse will get out.

6. First we'll go to the grocery store. Then we'll eat lunch.

7. Lily wanted to see that show on TV. She didn't get home in time.

Word Usage

Can means *is able to*. Sean can lift a heavy weight.

May is used *to ask or give permission*.

May I wait here? You may wait as long as you like.

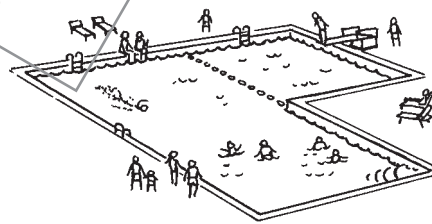
Circle **can** or **may** to complete each sentence correctly.

1. Dad said that I ^{can}
_{may} go swimming this Saturday.

2. ^{Can}
_{May} my sister and I ride to the pool with you?

3. I ^{can}
_{may} swim five times across the pool.

4. How many laps ^{can}
_{may} you swim?



Let means *allow*. Matt let me feed his fish while he was away.

Leave means *to go away or allow to stay*.

I'll leave on the morning train. May I leave these keys with you?

Circle **let** or **leave** to complete each sentence correctly.

1. My boss has to ^{leave}
_{let} for a trip to New York tomorrow.

2. She will ^{leave}
_{let} me run the store by myself while she's gone.

3. I can't ^{leave}
_{let} at night until all the work is done.

4. I'll ^{leave}
_{let} the customers take their time with their shopping.