

Spot the Connector Answer Key

1. **but** - Shows contrast between wanting to run and the heavy rain.
2. **or** - Offers a choice between baking a cake and making cookies.
3. **so** - Shows cause-and-effect: project finished early → extra time to play.
4. **and** - Connects two related actions: studying hard + earning the grade.
5. **yet** - Expresses an unexpected result: dog barked loudly, but baby slept.
6. **for** - Explains reason: saving money because of wanting a new book.
7. **but** - Contrasts the movie being long with it being exciting.
8. **or** - Gives an option: join for dinner or eat later.
9. **and** - Links related ideas: teamwork + winning.
10. **yet** - Contradiction: tried to open the jar, but it still wouldn't budge.
11. **but** - Contrast between wanting to call and the dead battery.
12. **or** - Provides two alternatives: hiking or resting.
13. **and** - Adds two interests: reading novels + writing stories.
14. **yet** - Contrast: nervous, but still spoke clearly.
15. **for** - Reason: bringing lunch to avoid spending money.
16. **and** - Connects sequential actions: cat jumped + vase knocked over.
17. **so** - Cause-and-effect: studied → felt confident.
18. **or** - Offers choice: come together or meet later.
19. **but** - Contrast: enjoys painting, prefers drawing.
20. **and** - Combines related descriptions: sun shining + birds singing.

Teacher Guide:

- Remind students that coordinating conjunctions are **FANBOYS**: *for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so*.
- Encourage them to identify **two complete ideas** (independent clauses) on either side of the conjunction.
- Have students practice writing their own compound sentences after completing this activity.