

Expand with FANBOYS Answer Key

Answers may vary:

1. The cat slept on the couch, **and** the dog curled up on the rug.
2. I wanted to buy a new book, **but** I didn't have enough money.
3. The students worked hard in class, **so** they finished their assignments early.
4. We planned to visit the park, **but** it started to rain.
5. The sun was shining brightly, **so** we decided to go for a walk.
6. She practiced the piano every day, **for** she hoped to perform in the recital.
7. The movie was very long, **yet** it was interesting from start to finish.
8. He carried the heavy backpack, **and** his friend helped him open the door.
9. The children laughed loudly, **but** the teacher quickly quieted them down.
10. I studied for the test, **and** I reviewed my notes before going to bed.

Teacher Guide

- Encourage students to first **circle the original independent clause**, then brainstorm a second idea that makes sense with it.
- Remind them that both parts must be **independent clauses** (each could stand as a complete sentence).
- Allow creativity: answers will vary widely, and that's a strength of this activity.
- Extension: Have students **choose their favorite expanded sentence** and then add it to a short story or paragraph.