

FANBOYS Link Lines Answer Key

1. The sun rose, and the birds sang.

- First clause: sun | rose (subject and verb)
- "The" modifies "sun"
- Second clause: birds | sang (subject and verb)
- "The" modifies "birds"
- A dotted line connects rose ↔ sang, labeled with and

2. The boy kicked the ball, but the girl caught it.

- First clause: boy | kicked
- "The" modifies "boy"
- Direct object: "ball" (horizontal line after verb, divided) with "The" modifying "ball"
- Second clause: girl | caught
- "The" modifies "girl"
- Direct object: "it"
- A dotted line connects kicked ↔ caught, labeled with but

3. The students studied hard, yet the test was difficult.

- First clause: students | studied
- "The" modifies "students"
- Adverb "hard" modifies "studied"
- Second clause: test | was
- "The" modifies "test"
- Predicate adjective: "difficult"
- A dotted line connects studied ↔ was, labeled with yet

4. The cat slept, and the dog barked.

- First clause: cat | slept
- "The" modifies "cat"
- Second clause: dog | barked
- "The" modifies "dog"
- A dotted line connects slept ↔ barked, labeled with and

5. The wind blew, so the tree fell.

- First clause: wind | blew
- "The" modifies "wind"
- Second clause: tree | fell
- "The" modifies "tree"
- A dotted line connects blew ↔ fell, labeled with so

Teacher's Notes:

- Each independent clause has its own main baseline.
- The coordinating conjunction (FANBOYS) goes on the dotted line between the verbs.
- Modifiers (articles, adjectives, adverbs) still hang below the words they describe.
- Direct objects and predicate complements appear in their usual places, within each clause.