

1. TITLE:

BOYS

SENTENCES

EXAMPLES:

- a. He was a friendly man most of the time, but he could become nasty.
- b. He could be really friendly, or he could be miserable.
- c. It was a warm day, yet storm clouds gathered over the distant mountains.
- d. It was a beautiful morning for a walk, so he set off quite happily.

EXPLANATION:

A BOYS sentence is basically a two-part sentence. The first part of the sentence always ends with a comma and the latter part always begins with a coordinating conjunction. The most popular coordinating conjunctions are:

But, Or, Yet (and) So

the first letters of which provide the mnemonic : **BOYS**

TEACHING TIPS:

Model how to turn two separate sentences into BOYS sentences -

It was a beautiful morning for a walk. He set off happily.

becomes

It was a beautiful morning for a walk, so he set off happily.

To achieve this, stress the need to turn the full-stop into a comma and follow the comma with one of the coordinating conjunctions (BOYS words).