Unit 12 At the library

Focus on ...
linking

Okay
Adam Hart-Davis loves photography. He loves science.
Adam Hart-Davis loves photography and science and explaining things.
He believes everyone can enjoy science and writes in clear and chatty English.

Better
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1 Look at the examples and complete these suggestions about how to improve your linking. Use and or a comma?
a Use _______ to link two similar things in one sentence.
b Use _______ to link things in a list.
c Use _______ to link the two things at the end of a list.
d Use _______ to link adjectives that give similar information about a thing.

2 Are these statements correct ✓ or incorrect X?
a He asks a simple question and then tries to answer it.
b He has had a lot of help from scientists, he uses information from their studies.

3 Link these sentences. Use and or a comma.
The Hound of the Baskervilles is a story about a curse. It's a story about a supernatural dog.

4 Complete each box with and or a comma.
a It's set on dark damp Dartmoor.
b The main characters are Dr Watson, the American Sir Henry Baskerville, his neighbours.
c Sir Henry takes Watson with him to Baskerville Hall, Holmes solves the mystery.

Plan

8 Imagine that you are studying English Literature. You want to read a Sherlock Holmes story. Your friend has shown you this one that she borrowed from the library. Look at the book cover. What do you think it is about?

Learning tip

We use commas and full stops to show where we pause when we speak:
- A full stop is a pause when you can take a breath. It shows an idea is complete.
- A comma is only a short pause. It shows an idea is not finished.
When you are checking your writing for commas and full stops read it out and see where you pause.
9 Giulio is writing a review of *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. Here are his notes. Help him by completing the facts about the book.

- Title:
- Author:
- Fiction/Non-fiction
- Type of story
  - Sherlock Holmes
  - Detective story
- Who?
  - Holmes (sometimes)
  - Dr Watson
  - Sir Henry Baskerville (American)
  - neighbours
- When? Where?
  - over 100 years ago
  - London and Dartmoor
- Good or bad?
  - good for people who like crime
  - fiction
  - good for people who like mysteries

Write

10 Complete the sentences below. You can use Giulio’s notes, Exercises 2–8 on pages 59–60 and sentences from *Focus on linking* to write the review.

*The Hound of the Baskervilles* is a ____________ story.
It’s a story about ____________________________
It’s set ____________________________
The main characters are ____________________________
Sir Henry ____________________________
This is a good book. I like it because you never know what’s going to happen next. If you like ____________________________, you’ll like this.

Check

- Have you written the facts about the book?
- Have you answered all the questions in the flow chart?
- Have you written how good you think the book is?
- Will your review help other people to decide if they want to read the book?
- Have you put Giulio’s name and your name at the bottom of the review?
- Have you checked that you have used commas and *and* correctly?

Extra practice

- Write a review of a book you have read.
- Ask an English-speaking friend or teacher to check it.
- Post your book review on Amazon.
- After two weeks, look at the review again. See how helpful people have found it.

Can-do checklist

Tick what you can do.

- I can write a book review.
- I can link sentences using *and* and commas.