

The Three Jobs of the Word 'AND'

Function 1: To List Items

Use "and" to connect a list of similar things or factors.

It links items in a series.

"He went to the grocery store and bought apples, bananas and watermelons."

"Apples" and "bananas" are two things Dan bought from the list.



Function 2: To Add Details

Use "and" to provide more information or to emphasize a point.

It adds descriptive layers to the main idea.



"I found a flat that is very cheap and only costs 100 dollars."

The low cost is an added detail about the cheap flat.

Function 3: To Show Cause & Effect

Use "and" to connect an action (cause) with its result (effect).

The second part of the sentence happens because of the first.



"Sara started reading every day, and her vocabulary got better."

Her vocabulary improved because she started reading every day.