# **Sentence Combining**

Students will take two short sentences and combine them into one. You can start with an example:

- Research has shown that people who eat dried fruit have better overall health.

- Researchers were unable to establish a direct link between dried fruit and health.

New sentence: Although research shows people who eat dried fruit are healthier than those who do not, the researchers were unable to establish a direct link between dried fruit and overall health.

After this, you can give students sentences to combine, or have them seek out sentences on their own. It also is possible to give students 5-6 sentences, and have them choose 2 or 3 to make into one sentence.

It also might be helpful to provide them with a list of common conjunctions. Students can reference the list if they get stuck, identify conjunctions they used without referencing the list, or consider how they might revise their sentences by using them.

**Conjunction List**

1. and
2. that
3. but
4. or
5. as
6. if
7. when
8. than
9. because
10. while
11. where
12. after
13. so
14. though
15. since
16. until
17. whether
18. before
19. although
20. nor
21. like
22. once
23. unless
24. now
25. except