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conjunction

- 1** AND/ALSO used to join two words, phrases etc referring to things that are related in some way:

He's gone to get some fish and chips.

The film starred Jack Lemmon and Shirley Maclaine.

We've dealt with items one, two, and eleven.

He was tall, dark, and handsome.

He plays the guitar and sings folk songs.

She didn't speak to anyone and nobody spoke to her.

- 2** AND/ALSO used to say that one action or event follows another:

Sit down and tell me all about it.

She picked up the kitten and put it in the box.

He knocked on the door and went in.

You'll have to wait and see what happens.

- 3** AND/ALSO used to say that something is caused by something else:

I missed supper and I'm starving!

She fell downstairs and broke her leg.

- 4** COUNT/CALCULATE used when adding numbers:

Six and four is ten.

- 5** PURPOSE (*especially BrE*) used after verbs such as 'go', 'come', and 'try' to show what your intention is:

Shall we go and have a cup of coffee?

I'll see if I can try and persuade her to come.

- 6** INTRODUCE (*spoken*) used to introduce a statement, remark, question etc:

And now I'd like to introduce our next speaker, Mrs

Thompson.

'She's getting married in June.' *'And who's the lucky man?'*

In written English, avoid starting a sentence with **and**:

And now we come onto the issue of homelessness.

→ **We now** come onto the issue of homelessness.

7 EMPHASIZE used between repeated words to emphasize what you are saying:

More and more people are losing their jobs.

We waited for hours and hours!

That was years and years ago.

We ran and ran.

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a)

used before saying the part of a large number which is less than 100:

a hundred and four

five hundred and seventy-six

by the year two thousand and ten

b)

used when saying a number which consists of a whole number followed by a FRACTION:

three and three-quarters

in about two and a half hours' time

five and a quarter per cent

9 BETTER used between repeated plural nouns to say that some things of a particular kind are much better than others:

'They said this guy was an expert.' *'Yes, but there are experts and experts.'*

10 ADD **and?** (spoken)

used when you want someone to add something to what they have just said:

'I'm sorry.' 'And?' 'And I promise it won't happen again.'

Word origin

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