

The Governments of France and England are both democratic.

INTRODUCING CLAUSES

A **clause** is the section of the sentence containing a noun or pronoun and *one* finite verb. You can have more than one clause in a sentence but they must be linked correctly.

Making use of conjunctions (connectives)

Conjunctions or **connectives** are words that link two parts of the sentence together. If there is more than one finite verb in a sentence, a conjunction is usually necessary to link the clauses. Look at the following example:

She was late for work she missed the train.

The above sentence is incorrect as there are two finite verbs – ‘was’ and ‘missed’ – and no punctuation mark or conjunction. A full stop or a semi-colon could be placed after ‘train’:

She missed the train. She was late for work.

or

She missed the train; she was late for work.

However, the example could be made into one sentence by the use of a conjunction. This would make a better sentence: