

Unit 83: SIMILAR IDEAS

Here are some ways to connect noun phrases (Unit 45.3) and statements when you want to show that they are the same, or nearly the same.

1 Two noun phrases

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Maria	and	John	like fruit.
I like fruit	and	vegetables.	
Maria	and	John	don't like meat.
I don't like milk	or	meat.	(NOT <i>and</i>)

2 Two statements

a These **affirmative** statements all mean the same:

I like fruit. Maria also likes fruit.	(also – before the verb)
I like fruit and Maria likes fruit too .	(too – at the end)
I like fruit. Maria likes fruit as well .	(as well – at the end)
I like fruit and so does Maria.	(so + auxiliary)

b These **negative** statements all mean the same:

I don't like meat. Maria doesn't like meat either .
I don't like meat and nor does Maria.
I don't like meat and neither does Maria.

c With longer statements, we can use **in addition**:

We didn't go out. John had hurt his foot, which made it difficult for him to walk. **In addition**, the weather was bad.

NOTICE: We can point more strongly to similarity with **both...and** (affirmative) or **neither...nor** (negative). Look at Unit 58.2.

3 Three or more

Notice the comma (Appendix 3) and the use of **and/or** (with no comma before it).

I like folk music, jazz, pop **and** rock.

I don't like classical music, opera **or** instrumentals.