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Conjunctions join two complete sentences, making sentences longer. *The car was small, but it had a loud horn.*