

Unit 9: Life Now and in the Past

Compound Sentences: *But, Or*

A Read the activities and label them *past* or *present*. Then add one more activity from the past and one from the present.

- _____ 1. cooking food on an outdoor fire
- _____ 2. using horses for farmwork
- _____ 3. texting your friends several times a day
- _____ 4. using large machines for farmwork
- _____ 5. cooking on an electric stove
- _____ 6. _____
- _____ 7. _____

B Read the sentences. Underline the words *but* and *or*. What do these words do in the sentences? What kind of punctuation mark comes before these words?

- 1. People used to write letters, but now everyone sends emails.
- 2. You can send emails quickly, but they're not as personal as letters.
- 3. People used to visit family members on holidays, or they used to stay home when they couldn't afford to travel.
- 4. My family didn't use to be very big, but my cousins have a lot of children now.
- 5. As a child, I liked to play games with my friends, or sometimes I stayed in the house and read books.

C Remember, compound sentences have two or more clauses. The clauses can be connected with words like *but* and *or*. *But* is used to show a contrast, and *or* is used to talk about two options or possibilities. Make compound sentences using the clauses below and *but* or *or*.

- 1. I used to play volleyball. Now I prefer baseball.

- 2. My grandmother used to walk to work. She used to take the bus in bad weather.

- 3. It's very hard work. You'll be happy when you finish it.

- 4. I've always done my homework on time. I've gotten permission from the teacher to hand it in late.

- 5. She liked to talk on the phone. She didn't like to pay the phone bill.
