

Task for *The Big Book of Old Tom*

Simple sentences

From Old Tom

1 A	There on the front door step was a baby monster.
2 A	Angela had never fed a baby before.
2 B	Old Tom grew up very quickly.
6 A	By now, Angela was having trouble sleeping.
6 B	Angela was fed up.
6 C	Old Tom had to go.

Adapted from Old Tom

1 B	Angela heard a knock at the door.
1 C	She opened the door.
3 C	He soon outgrew his playpen.
3 D	Angela gave him the spare room.
4 A	Angela taught Old Tom his manners.
4 B	Old Tom had a lot to learn.
5 A	Angela tried to keep the house tidy.
5 B	Old Tom seemed to be everywhere.
5 C	It wasn't easy.

and	but	so

Possible compound sentences which could be created by joining these simple sentences with 'linking' (coordinating) conjunctions: *and*, *so* or *but*. Some involve combining three clauses, but you could choose to focus on two only.

1. Angela **heard** a knock on the door **so** she **opened** the door **and** there on the front door step **was** a baby monster.
2. Angela **had never fed** a baby before **but** Old Tom **grew up** very quickly.
3. He soon **outgrew** his playpen **so** Angela **gave** him the spare room.
4. Angela **taught** him his manners **but** Old Tom **had** a lot to learn.
5. Angela **tried to keep** the house tidy **but** Old Tom **seemed to be** everywhere **so** it **wasn't** easy.
6. Angela **was fed up** **so** Old Tom **had to go**.

Compound sentences

(taken or adapted from Old Tom)

Angela was curious, so she carried him in and she brought him up.

Old Tom tried to be good but sometimes he was a bit naughty.

Her nerves were shattered, and Old Tom's fur had given her dreadful hay fever.

It was a bold move, but Angela thought it was for the best.

There was no fur on the floor, but Angela still couldn't sleep.

Angela Throgmorton lived alone and she liked it that way.

Sometimes she had guests and Old Tom would drop in unannounced.

Old Tom was gone so Angela's house could be spick and span once more.

Angela saw her baby on a news flash so she hurried to the pound.

Angela took Old Tom home so he was safe and happy again.

Compound sentences with verbs/verb groups/processes in green and conjunctions highlighted in yellow.

1. Angela was curious, so she carried him in and she brought him up .
2. Old Tom tried to be good but sometimes he was a bit naughty.
3. Her nerves were shattered , and Old Tom's fur had given her dreadful hay fever.
4. It was a bold move, but Angela thought it was for the best.
5. There was no fur on the floor, but Angela still couldn't sleep .
6. Angela Throgmorton lived alone and she liked it that way.
7. Sometimes she had guests and Old Tom would drop in unannounced.
8. Old Tom was gone so Angela's house could be spick and span once more.
9. Angela saw her baby on a news flash so she hurried to the pound.
10. Angela took Old Tom home so he was happy again.

NB. The first sentence has three clauses (three ideas, three verbs/processes) linked by two coordinating (linking) conjunctions.

In sentence 8, there are only two clauses (two ideas, two verb groups/processes) linked by one coordinating (linking) conjunction. The 'and' in spick and span is linking/connecting two adjectives, not two clauses.