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Here your child practices using connectives (joining words, phrases, or clauses). As your child works through the final exercise, check that he or she understands the meaning of the passage. Don't forget to praise your child's efforts.