



# Condensing and Combining Clauses

# Review

- So far, we've learned a variety of ways to join clauses:
  - Subordination
  - Coordination
  - Semicolons
  - Colons and Dashes
- In this lesson, we'll learn another way to combine clauses, by condensing and collapsing them together.
- This way of joining clauses is especially useful because it eliminates filler words that clutter up a sentence.

# Combining and Condensing

- Original sentence: I wanted to go to the store; James also wanted to go to the store.
- Revised sentence: James and I wanted to go to the store.

*Note how the revised sentence eliminates redundant words. In doing so, it condenses two clauses into a single clause with a compound subject.*

# More examples

- Original: The Lilly Library contains many rare books. The books in the library are carefully preserved. The library also houses a manuscript collection.
- Revised: The Lilly Library carefully preserves many rare books and manuscripts.
- Notice that the revised sentence says exactly the same thing that the first does. However, the revised version says the same thing more concisely, and is much less repetitive (and irksome!) for readers.