

“Combo” Sentence Exercises

A “combo” sentence is a long sentence which contains both a premise and a conclusion (in either order), connected together with a marker (either a conclusion marker or a premise marker). Here are some examples of combo sentences. For each one, figure out which part is the premise, and which is the conclusion, and restate the argument in *standard form*.

1. “Both [the contemplative and the active life] are, in fact, demanded by charity, since man is commanded to love both God and neighbor.”
– Thomas Merton, **Contemplative Prayer** (Image Books, 1971), p. 52
2. “The Birthday Soup is hot, so we must eat it now.”
– Little Bear, in Else Holmelund Minarik’s **Adventures of Little Bear** (Harper Collins, 1957), p. 29.