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Translate English sentences with no ambiguity into compound propositions.

1. Eleanor is clever but not hard working.

c : Eleanor is clever. h : Eleanor is hard working.
 $(c \wedge (\neg h))$

2. Sean will eat an apple or an orange but not both.

a : Sean will eat an apple. o : Sean will eat an orange.
There are many solutions: (It's an exclusive or.)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & ((a \vee o) \wedge (\neg(a \wedge o))) \\
 \equiv & ((a \vee o) \wedge ((\neg a) \vee (\neg o))) && \text{"}\equiv\text{" means "is logically equivalent to".} \\
 \equiv & ((a \wedge (\neg o)) \vee ((\neg a) \wedge o)) \\
 \equiv & (\neg(a \leftrightarrow o))
 \end{aligned}$$

3. **If** Tom does not study hard, **then** he will fail. if a then b
 $\equiv (a \rightarrow b)$

s : Tom studies hard. f : Tom will fail.

$$(\neg s) \rightarrow f \equiv (\neg(\neg s)) \vee f \equiv (s \vee f)$$

↑
definition of \rightarrow
↑
double negation.

4. Tom will fail **unless** he studies hard. unless \equiv or
We use the same definitions as 3.
 $(f \vee s) \equiv (s \vee f)$ (by commutativity.)

5. Tom will not fail **only if** he studies hard.
We use the same definitions as 3.
 $(\neg f) \rightarrow s \equiv (\neg(\neg f)) \vee s \equiv (f \vee s) \equiv (s \vee f)$
↑
definition of \rightarrow
↑
double negation
↑
commutativity.
a only if b $\equiv (a \rightarrow b)$