Not only / but also | Grammar exercise

Combine the following sentences using not only...but also....

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Exercise

1. There are problems with the children. There are problems with their parents.
2. He can make people laugh. He can make people cry.
3. She writes plays for television. She acts in movies.
4. I sent him many letters. I also tried to telephone him.
5. We visit our grandfather’s house in summer. We visit our grandfather’s house in winter.
6. She can dance. She can sing.
7. They need food. They need medicine.
8. He has been late four times. He hasn’t done any work.
9. She was upset. She was angry.
10. In winter the days are short. They are also cold and dark.

Answers

1. There are problems **not only** with the children **but also** with their parents.
2. He can **not only** make people laugh, **but also** make them cry. / **Not only** can he make people laugh; **but he can also** make them cry.
3. She **not only** writes plays for television **but also** acts in movies.
4. I **not only** sent him many letters **but also** tried to telephone him.
5. We visit our grandfather’s house **not only** in summer **but also** in winter.
6. She can **not only** dance **but also** sing.
7. They need **not only** food **but also** medicine.
8. **Not only** has she been late four times; **but she has also** not done any work.
9. She was **not only** upset **but also** angry.
10. In winter the days are **not only** short **but also** cold and dark.