ENGLISH, LITERACY, AND COMMUNICATION

Conjunctions

Difficulty level: Easy

English, Literacy, and Communication

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Overview of the concept

This is how you join words and ideas in a sentence. Words like and, but, and because let you add one idea to another, show a contrast, or explain a cause. Without conjunctions, every sentence stands alone and your reader cannot see how your thoughts connect.



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Worked examples

EXAMPLE 1

Q Join with a conjunction: I like tea. I like coffee.

SOLUTION

The two ideas are both liked, so they are added together.

The joining word for adding is 'and'.

So: I like tea and coffee.

EXAMPLE 2

Q Join with a conjunction: It rained. We stayed home.

SOLUTION

The second idea is caused by the first.

The joining word for cause is 'because'.

So: We stayed home because it rained.

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Practice questions

1 **Join these two sentences with a conjunction: I wanted to go. I was tired.**

- **A** I wanted to go, and I was tired.
- **B** I wanted to go, but I was tired.
- **C** I wanted to go, so I was tired.
- **D** I wanted to go, because I was tired.

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2 **Join these two sentences with a conjunction: You can have tea. You can have coffee.**

- **A** You can have tea and coffee.
- **B** You can have tea, but coffee.
- **C** You can have tea or coffee.
- **D** You can have tea, so coffee.

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Join these two sentences with a conjunction: It was late. We left.

A It was late, but we left.

B It was late, and we left.

C It was late, because we left.

D It was late, so we left.

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Join these two sentences with a conjunction: She studied. She passed.

A She passed because she studied.

B She passed, so she studied.

C She passed, but she studied.

D She passed, and she studied.

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5 **Join these two sentences with a conjunction: He runs. He swims.**

- **A** He runs, but swims.
- **B** He runs, so swims.
- **C** He runs and swims.
- **D** He runs, or swims.

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6 **Which conjunction joins two ideas when the second idea is the reason for the first?**

- **A** and
- **B** but
- **C** because
- **D** or

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Join these two sentences with a conjunction: It rains. We will stay in.

A If it rains, we will stay in.

B If it rains, we will go out.

C Because it rains, we will stay in.

D Although it rains, we will stay in.

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Join these two sentences with a conjunction: It was cold. We went out.

A Because it was cold, we went out.

B If it was cold, we went out.

C Although it was cold, we stayed in.

D Although it was cold, we went out.

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9 **Join these three sentences with a conjunction: I bought apples. I bought bananas. I bought grapes.**

- **A** I bought apples, bananas and grapes.
- **B** I bought apples, but bananas and grapes.
- **C** I bought apples, so bananas and grapes.
- **D** I bought apples, or bananas and grapes.

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10 **Which sentence uses the conjunction wrongly?**

- **A** I wanted to go, but I was tired.
- **B** She studied, so she passed.
- **C** He runs, because swims.
- **D** You can have tea or coffee.

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ANSWER KEY

1. I wanted to go, but I was tired.

2. You can have tea or coffee.

3. It was late, so we left.

4. She passed because she studied.

5. He runs and swims.

6. because

7. If it rains, we will stay in.

8. Although it was cold, we went out.

9. I bought apples, bananas and grapes.

10. He runs, because swims.

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