19 Conjunctions

THINK

Tick (✓) the sentences that make sense.

1. Avneet and Swati study in the same class.
2. Is it Sunday and Monday today?
3. He was late because the bus didn't come.
4. Keep quiet or go out.
5. I wanted to study French, so I joined the French Academy.
6. You can go home, but you have finished your work.
7. As Maria worked hard, she scored good marks.
8. I've just eaten dinner, or I'm not hungry.

Notice that the sentences you have ticked use conjunctions appropriately.

LEARN

And, But, Or, So, Because, As, Since

We know that conjunctions are words that link sentences, words or groups of words together. And, but, or, so, because, as and since are some common conjunctions we have already studied.

For example:

- Sahil decided to buy the pink and the black shirts. (link words)
- I like coffee, but I don't like tea. (contrast)
- Susan missed the bus, so she took the train. (reason)
- You can play chess or ludo. (options)
- Samantha is late because she woke up late. (reason)
- He went to bed early as he had an exam the next day. (reason)
- She did not answer the doorbell since she was sleeping. (reason)

Use of 'and'

Shelja is hardworking and patient. (joins two adjectives)

Megha and Kritika visited the zoo. (joins two proper nouns)

Meera and I are staying together. (joins a proper noun and a pronoun)

PRACTISE

Complete this passage using and, but or or.

Anahita _and_ Ruby are making a sandcastle. They have a shovel _and_ a spade, _but_ do not have anything for decorating the castle. They will decorate it with either leaves _or_ shells. Anahita's parents are helping them, _but_ her little brother is being naughty. He is trying to destroy the castle. Suddenly, he changes his mind. He decides to fetch water from the sea for them, _but_ he is careless. He falls down _and_ the bucket floats away from his hands!

Fill in the blanks with so, because or as. Some may have more than one correct answer.

1. Gaurav was very hungry, _so_ he ate all the cake.

2. Myra did not go out _as_ she was lazy.

3. Nancy was tired _because_ she had walked for a long distance to reach the nearby bus stop.

4. We don't have any dessert left now _as_ Rathav ate all the ice cream.

5. We lost the key, _so_ we couldn't get into our room.

6. I took a taxi _as_ I was getting late.

LEARN

Until, Though, That, If

- Sophie practiced regularly until she was ready to participate in the competition.
- The man walked at a leisurely pace though he was late for the meeting.
- People say that honesty is the best policy.

PRACTISE

C. Underline the conjunctions in the given sentences.

1. Diya wants to buy a pair of trousers <u>and</u> a few t-shirts.

2. What do you want to eat, an ice cream <u>or</u> a cupcake?

3. He rushed out of the building <u>but</u> the bus had already left.

4. He is unhappy <u>though</u> he is an acclaimed artist.

5. She will buy the bag <u>if</u> it is available.

6. He waited for his friend <u>until</u> it turned dark.

7. He said <u>that</u> he would reach the restaurant late.

8. I could help you <u>if</u> you like.

9. Abhay was glad <u>that</u> he could finish the work on time.

10. No one left the stadium <u>until</u> the match ended.

D. Join these sentences by choosing appropriate conjunctions from the brackets. Make necessary changes.

1. Mahendra should eat healthy food. He will fall sick. (or/and)

   Mahendra should eat healthy food or he will fall sick.

2. Dolly is very polite. Everybody likes her. (so/as)

   Dolly is very polite so everybody likes her.

3. I go to a park daily. I love to walk on the grass. (but/because)

   I go to a park daily because I love to walk on the grass.

4. Finish your breakfast. Then, leave for school. (after/and)

   Finish your breakfast and then, leave for school.

5. The match has been cancelled. It is raining. (because/or)

   The match has been cancelled because it is raining.

6. I woke up. I saw that it was raining. (or/**and**)

I woke up and saw that it was raining.

7. Shailja was making the presentation alone. Her partner was unwell. (**as**/when)

Shailja was making the presentation alone as her partner was unwell.

8. Jane said sorry. She was late. (or/**because**)

Jane said sorry because she was late.

9. Puneet looked for his bag. He found it under his pillow. (**until**/if)

Puneet looked for his bag until he found it under his pillow.

10. Agatha met me at the zoo. She does not like animals kept in cages. (and/**though**)

Agatha met me at the zoo though she does not like animals kept in cages.

P L A Y

Communication

Work in pairs and hold a conversation. Take turns to ask questions. Make sure you use conjunctions while replying. The learner who fails to use a conjunction in his/her answer will be disqualified. The learner who uses maximum conjunctions appropriately will stand as the winner in each pair.