

English Grammar – Conjunctions

A conjunction is a word that links words, phrases, or clauses.

1. **and, but, or, so, because, then, before, after, until**

Examples:

On Sunday, we stayed at home **and** we watched TV.

The house is beautiful **but** it's very expensive.

Do you want to eat pizza at home **or** go out for dinner?

Yesterday, I was very tired, **so** I stayed at home.

She is hungry **because** she didn't have breakfast.

Every night, I do my homework, **then** I watch TV, **then** I go to bed.

I always do my homework **before** I go to bed.

My dad washes the dishes **after** we have lunch.

I work every day **until** the sun goes down.

2. **when, while, though, however, despite, therefore**

Examples:

I was watching TV **when** the lights went out.

I ate my lunch **while** I waited in the line at the bank.

I loved the show, **though** it was very long.

He is an intelligent boy, **however** he should study more.

We continued to play football **despite** the heavy rain.

"I think, **therefore** I am." (*René Descartes*)

Exercise 1. Complete the blanks with an appropriate conjunction. Sometimes there is more than one possibility.

1. We fight a lot _____ we are good friends!
2. Would you like to eat lasagne for lunch, _____ would you prefer pizza?
- 3a. I have no money _____ I spent all my money yesterday.
- 3b. I spent all my money yesterday, _____ I have no money.
4. Why don't you listen to the radio _____ you cook lunch?
5. We broke up, _____ I still love him.
6. I always drink tea _____ I watch TV.
7. We had a picnic at the beach _____ the bad weather.
8. We have some free time today, _____ why don't we play chess?
9. My wife can read a book _____ watch TV at the same time.
10. I can only read a book _____ watch TV. Together is impossible!
11. When I get up, I have a shower, _____ I have coffee, _____ I go to work.
12. I should do more exercise, _____ I am very lazy!
13. I always make a cup of tea _____ I arrive at home.
14. I intend to work _____ I am 65 years old.

Exercise 2. A sequence of events. Complete the blanks using the words below:

and finally and because and
but first then after that

_____, I called Mary _____ invited her to go out with me. She couldn't accept _____ she had to visit her grandparents. _____, I tried to call Susan, _____ she wasn't at home. _____, I called you _____ you told me that you couldn't go. _____, I decided to stay at home _____ watch TV.

Exercise 2. Online exercise.

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