

Conjunctions

Linking ideas: 4 exercises + answer key

NAME _____

DATE _____

KEY RULE:

and=addition, but=contrast, so=result, because=reason, although=despite, when/while/before/after=time.

1 Exercise 1

EASY

Choose the correct conjunction to join the two ideas.

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| 1. I was tired ____ I went to bed early. (but / although / so) | 2. She likes coffee ____ she can't stand tea. (but / and / or) |
| 3. He left the flat late ____ he missed his train. (because / so / but) | 4. He likes swimming ____ cycling. (but / and / so) |
| 5. She didn't eat ____ she wasn't hungry. (so / but / because) | 6. Would you like tea ____ coffee? (or / and / but) |
| 7. ____ I finished work, I went to the gym. (Because / So / After) | 8. Call me ____ you land. (so / when / because) |
| 9. He's rich ____ he's not happy. (but / so / because) | 10. She studied hard ____ she passed the exam. (but / although / so) |

2 Exercise 2

MEDIUM

Write the correct conjunction: and, but, or, so, because, when, after, before, although, while.

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| 1. I set three alarms ____ I still missed the bus. | 2. She was nervous ____ she walked into the interview room. |
| 3. He didn't pass ____ he had barely opened the book. | 4. I love pizza ____ pasta. |
| 5. She was late, ____ she missed the first ten minutes of the film. | 6. ____ leaving, remember to lock the door. |
| 7. I listened to a podcast ____ I cooked dinner. | 8. Do you prefer tea ____ coffee? |
| 9. ____ it was freezing, we walked home anyway. | 10. ____ finishing the test, she left the room. |

3 Exercise 3

HARD

Choose the conjunction that best fits the meaning.

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| 1. ____ she studied hard, she didn't pass. (Because / Although / So) | 2. ____ he was reading ____ he was watching a match on his phone. (while / but / and) |
| 3. He ate dinner ____ going to bed. (before / after / while) | 4. She turned off the lights ____ she left the office. (while / when / after) |
| 5. I'll text you ____ I get there. (although / when / while) | 6. He failed his driving test ____ he hadn't practised enough. (although / because / so) |
| 7. The jacket was expensive, ____ we bought it anyway. (but / so / because) | 8. ____ she was exhausted, ____ she took a nap before dinner. (although / when / after) |
| 9. ____ he is only 23, he already runs the whole team. (Although / Since / So) | 9. ____ I send you texts ____ I commute. (before / while / so) |

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Exercise 4

HARDER

Write the best conjunction: although, while, after, but, because, before, so, or.

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| 1. ____ he was tired, he kept working until midnight. | 2. She checked her email ____ having breakfast. |
| 3. I felt much better an hour ____ I took the medicine. | 4. The film was three hours long, ____ it was worth it. |
| 5. She didn't sleep well ____ she was anxious about the flight. | 6. He always checks the map ____ leaving the house. |
| 7. It started raining, ____ we moved the party indoors. | 8. Nobody answered my messages, ____ I called instead. |
| 9. You can post the form ____ bring it in person. | 10. ____ it was raining, we decided to stay in. |

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Easy: choose conjunction

1 so

2 but

3 so

4 and

5 because

6 or

7 After

8 when

9 but

10 so

2 Exercise 2 Medium: write conjunction

1 but

2 when

3 because

4 and

5 so

6 before

7 while

8 or

9 although

10 after

3 Exercise 3 Hard: best conjunction

1 Although

2 while

3 before

4 before

5 when

6 because

7 but

8 so

9 Although

10 while

4 Exercise 4 Harder: write conjunction

1 although

2 while

3 after

4 but

5 because

6 before

7 so

8 so

9 or

10 because