Unit 97

and but or so because

A

and but or so because

We use these words *(conjunctions)* to join two sentences. They make one longer sentence from two shorter sentences:

sentence A The car stopped. — The driver got out. *sentence B*

The car stopped **and** the driver got out.

B

and/but/or

sentence A		*sentence B*
We stayed at home	**and**	(we)* watched television.
My sister is married	**and**	(she)* lives in London.
He doesn't like her,	**and**	she doesn't like him.
I bought a newspaper,	**but**	I didn't read it.
It's a nice house,	**but**	it hasn't got a garden.
Do you want to go out,	**or**	are you too tired?

* It is not necessary to repeat 'we' and 'she'.

In lists, we use commas (,). We use **and** before the last thing:

- I got home, had something to eat, sat down in an armchair **and** fell asleep.
- Karen is at work, Sue has gone shopping **and** Chris is playing football.

C

so (the result of something)

sentence A		*sentence B*
It was very hot,	**so**	I opened the window.
Joe does a lot of sport,	**so**	he's very fit.
They don't like travelling,	**so**	they haven't been to many places.

D

because (the reason for something)

sentence A		*sentence B*
I opened the window	**because**	it was very hot.
Joe can't come to the party	**because**	he's going away.
Lisa is hungry	**because**	she didn't have breakfast.

Because is also possible at the beginning:

- **Because it was very hot**, I opened the window.

E

In these examples there is more than one conjunction:

- It was late **and** I was tired, **so** I went to bed.
- I always enjoy visiting London, **but** I wouldn't like to live there **because** it's too big.

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97.1 Write sentences. Choose from the boxes and use and/but/or.

~~I stayed at home.~~	I didn't have your number.
~~I bought a newspaper.~~	Shall I wait here?
I went to the window.	~~I didn't read it.~~
I wanted to phone you.	I went by bus this morning.
I jumped into the river.	~~I watched television.~~
I usually drive to work.	I swam to the other side.
Do you want me to come with you?	I looked out.

1 I stayed at home and watched television.
2 I bought a newspaper, but I didn't read it.
3 I .....
4 .....
5 .....
6 .....
7 .....

97.2 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences. Use and/but/so/because.

1 It was very hot, so he opened the window.
2 They couldn't play tennis .....
3 They went to the museum, ...
4 Bill wasn't hungry, ...
5 Helen was late .....
6 Sue said .....

97.3 Write sentences about what you did yesterday. Use and/but etc.

1 (and) In the evening I stayed at home and studied.
2 (because) I went to bed very early because I was tired.
3 (but) .....
4 (and) .....
5 (so) .....
6 (because) .....

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Unit 98 When ...

A

When I went out, it was raining.

This sentence has two parts:

when I went out + **it was raining**

You can say:

- **When I went out**, it was raining. *or*
  It was raining when I went out.

We write a comma (,) if **When** ... is at the beginning:

- **When** you're tired, don't drive.
  Don't drive **when** you're tired.
- Helen was 25 **when** she got married.
  When Helen got married, she was 25.

We do the same in sentences with **before/while/after**:

- Always look both ways **before** you cross the road.
  Before you cross the road, always look both ways.
- **While** I was waiting for the bus, it began to rain.
  It began to rain **while** I was waiting for the bus.
- He never played football again **after** he broke his leg.
  After he broke his leg, he never played football again.

B

When I am ... / **When I go** ... etc.

Next week Sarah is going to New York.
She has a friend, Lisa, who lives in New York,
but Lisa is also going away – to Mexico.
So they won't see each other in New York.

Lisa **will be** in Mexico **when** Sarah **is** in New York.

The time is *future* (**next week**) but we say:
... **when** Sarah **is** in New York.
(*not* when Sarah will be)

SARAH *LISA*

We use the *present* (**I am** / **I go** etc.) with a *future meaning* after **when**:

- **When** I **get** home this evening, I'm going to have a shower.
  (*not* When I will get home)
- I can't talk to you now. I'll talk to you later **when** I **have** more time.

We do the same after **before/while/after/until**:

- Please close the window **before** you **go** out. (*not* before you will go)
- Rachel is going to stay in our flat **while** we **are** away. (*not* while we will be)
- I'll wait here **until** you **come** back. (*not* until you will come back)

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98.1 Write sentences beginning with when. Choose from the boxes.

When +		+	
	~~I went out~~		I turned off the TV
	I'm tired		I always go to the same place
	I phoned her		there were no rooms
	I go on holiday		~~it was raining~~
	the programme ended		there was no answer
	I got to the hotel		I like to watch TV

1 When I went out, it was raining.
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....
5 .....
6 .....

98.2 Complete the sentences. Choose from the box.

somebody broke into the house	before they came here	when they heard the news
~~before they crossed the road~~	while they were away	they didn't believe me
they went to live in New Zealand		

1 They looked both ways before they crossed the road.
2 They were very surprised .....
3 After they got married, ...
4 Their house was damaged in a storm .....
5 Where did they live ..... ?
6 While we were asleep, ...
7 When I told them what happened, ...

98.3 Which is right?

1 ~~I stay~~ / I'll stay here until you come / ~~you'll come~~ back. (I'll stay *and* you come *are right*)
2 I'm going to bed when I finish / I'll finish my work.
3 We must do something before it's / it will be too late.
4 Helen is going away soon. I'm / I'll be very sad when she leaves / she'll leave.
5 Don't go out yet. Wait until the rain stops / will stop.
6 We come / We'll come and visit you when we're / we'll be in England again.
7 When I come / I'll come to see you tomorrow, I bring / I'll bring our holiday photos.
8 I'm going to Paris next week. I hope to see some friends of mine while I'm / I'll be there.
9 'I need your address.' 'OK, I give / I'll give it to you before I go / I'll go.'
10 I'm not ready yet. I tell / I'll tell you when I'm / I'll be ready.

98.4 Use your own ideas to complete these sentences.

1 Can you close the window before you go out ..... ?
2 What are you going to do when ..... ?
3 When I have enough money, ...
4 I'll wait for you while ..... .
5 When I start my new job, ...
6 Will you be here when ..... ?

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