

## GRAMMAR - COMPOUND SENTENCES

**Choose the options that best fit the blanks.**

1. The boys are playing games, \_\_\_\_\_ the girls are watching TV.  
A. so            B. nor            C. and
2. I tried my best in the final test, \_\_\_\_\_ the result was not as good as I expected.  
A. but            B. so            C. for
3. He lost the key, \_\_\_\_\_ he couldn't get into the house.  
A. yet            B. or            C. so
4. She loves comedies, \_\_\_\_\_ her husband is interested in action films.  
A. for            B. yet            C. or
5. You must do well in the test, \_\_\_\_\_ you will not graduate.  
A. so            B. or            C. for
6. Pop music is so popular, \_\_\_\_\_ the melody is simple and memorable.  
A. for            B. so            C. and
7. I should practice more for the competition, \_\_\_\_\_ my health hasn't been excellent recently.  
A. and            B. so            C. but
8. You can go to the movies with me, \_\_\_\_\_ you can go to the concert alone.  
A. and            B. or            C. so

**Decide whether the following sentences are Correct or Incorrect.**

1. He was a gifted song-writer, but he had to suffer poor health.
2. Katherine doesn't like the main characters of that movie, nor she likes its plot.
3. Pitt has just put two new batteries in the toy car, yet it is not running.
4. Mary was tired, yet we stopped for a rest.
5. Maybe it is caused by human error, and maybe it is totally a coincidence
6. You've been waiting for too long. You should go home, and I will ask Sally to talk to you later.
7. I stayed in San Francisco for two years, so that I can recommend some really nice sites.
8. Because my mother is busy this week, so my father is going to my cousin's wedding.

**Fill in the blanks with coordinating conjunctions:**

1. Daniel tried to read a book in Thai, \_\_\_\_\_ it was too difficult.
2. Will you pick me up after work, \_\_\_\_\_ will I take the bus?
3. My grandfather is quite old, \_\_\_\_\_ he exercises more regularly than I do.
4. My holiday will be an all-inclusive one, \_\_\_\_\_ I don't know much about the city.
5. Did he design the house himself, \_\_\_\_\_ did he have it designed by an architect?
6. My mother gave me some money, \_\_\_\_\_ she also gave me a new dress for Tet.
7. She never came to see him, \_\_\_\_\_ did she leave him any money.
8. I had failed the driving test once, \_\_\_\_\_ I was very nervous yesterday

**Choose the best compound sentence for each sentence pair.**

1. The boy didn't like to go to school. He went anyway.
  - A. The boy didn't like to go to school, so he went anyway.
  - B. The boy hated to go to school, yet he went anyway.
  - C. The boy hated to go to school, and he went anyway.
2. I am planning to visit Korea. I have started to save some money.
  - A. I am planning to visit Korea, but I have started to save some money.
  - B. I have a plan to visit Korea, nor have I started to save some money.
  - C. I have made a plan to visit Korea, so I have started to save some money.
3. The first season of Vietnam Idol aired on VTV in 2007. The fifth season aired in 2013.
  - A. The first season of Vietnam Idol aired on VTV in 2007, and the fifth one aired in 2013.
  - B. The first season of Vietnam Idol aired on VTV in 2007, but the fifth season aired in 2013.
  - C. The first season of Vietnam Idol aired on VTV in 2007, for the fifth season aired in 2013.
4. My uncle can play volleyball. He can't play basketball.
  - A. My uncle can play football, so he can play basketball.
  - B. My uncle can play volleyball, nor can he play basketball.
  - C. My uncle can play volleyball, but he can't play basketball.
5. Let's go to the swimming pool. It's so hot today.
  - A. Let's go to the swimming pool, for it's so hot today.
  - B. Let's go to the swimming pool, so it's very hot today.
  - C. Let's go to the swimming pool, and it's so hot today.
6. You can call the manager directly. You can email him.
  - A. You can call the manager directly, or you can email him.
  - B. You can call the manager directly, for you can email him.
  - C. You can email the manager, so you can call him directly.
7. She sang beautifully. At the end of her performance, she got a big round of applause from the audience.
  - A. She sang beautifully, yet at the end of her performance, she got a big round of applause from the audience.
  - B. She sang beautifully, for at the end of her performance, she got a big round of applause from the audience.
  - C. She sang beautifully, so at the end of her performance, she got a big round of applause from the audience.
8. It is raining very hard. The children are still playing football.
  - A. It is raining very hard, for the children are still playing football.
  - B. It is raining very hard, yet the children are still playing football.
  - C. It's raining very hard, so the children are still playing football.