

Example: Soya is an important crop used in _____ food and industrial processes.

- (A) either
- (B) both
- (C) and
- (D) just

The best answer is (B); the correct construction is *both . . . and*; the other distractors do not follow this construction.

In the Written Expression section errors with conjunctions also include:

1. Coordinating conjunctions: and, but, or
2. Correlative conjunctions: either . . . or, neither . . . nor, both . . . and, not only . . . but also, whether . . . or

Example: Soya beans contain not only vitamins and also important minerals.
 A B C D

The correct answer is (C); the correct construction is *not only . . . but also*.

EXERCISES ON CONJUNCTIONS

From the four words or phrases (A), (B), (C), or (D), choose the one that best completes the sentence.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Both diamond _____ graphite are made of the same element, which is carbon.
 (A) and
 (B) except
 (C) together
 (D) both 2. Blinking helps keep the surface of the eye clean _____ moist.
 (A) to
 (B) or
 (C) and
 (D) so | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Normally, piranhas swim alone and feed on smaller fish _____ on seeds in the water.
 (A) but
 (B) either
 (C) instead
 (D) or 4. Most rodents eat grain, seeds, and nuts, _____ some eat almost anything.
 (A) contrary
 (B) they
 (C) but
 (D) instead |
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- From the four underlined words or phrases, identify the one that is not correct.

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