

**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  
 A B C D  
 minerals.

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.**

<p>1. Both diamond _____ graphite are made of the same element, which is carbon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) and</li> <li>(B) except</li> <li>(C) together</li> <li>(D) both</li> </ul> <p>2. Blinking helps keep the surface of the eye clean _____ moist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) to</li> <li>(B) or</li> <li>(C) and</li> <li>(D) so</li> </ul>	<p>3. Normally, piranhas swim alone and feed on smaller fish _____ on seeds in the water.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) but</li> <li>(B) either</li> <li>(C) instead</li> <li>(D) or</li> </ul> <p>4. Most rodents eat grain, seeds, and nuts, _____ some eat almost anything.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) contrary</li> <li>(B) they</li> <li>(C) but</li> <li>(D) instead</li> </ul>
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5. Fungi do not absorb sunlight but use animals and plants, \_\_\_\_\_ dead and living, as their source of food.

(A) furthermore  
(B) both  
(C) together  
(D) besides

6. Recently doctors warned that too much animal fat in the diet can lead to heart disease, \_\_\_\_\_ special types of margarine made with vegetable oils are becoming popular.

(A) because  
(B) so  
(C) and since  
(D) except

**From the four underlined words or phrases, identify the one that is not correct.**

7. Peppermint originated in Europe, but the early English colonists  
A B  
brought it to North America.  
C D

8. The central core of the earth is made of both very hot or dense material.  
A B C D

9. Many meteorite falls go unnoticed because they either happen at night  
A B C  
nor they hit the earth in uninhabited areas.  
D

10. Octopuses have not only large brains and also a well-developed nervous  
A B C D  
system.

11. Most scholars are unsure whether the wheel was first used by potters in  
A B C  
Mesopotamia and in the central or eastern parts of Europe.  
D

12. Compact discs are affected neither by scratching and by dust.  
A B C D