

Conjunctions and connectives

You can use conjunctions to join two sentences, or two parts of a sentence. They help you to show the relationship / connection between the two parts of a sentence. Some basic conjunctions are:

after, although, and, because, before, but, if, or, so, when

If you want to make connections between words and phrases, you can use other connecting words such as:

also, as well, even, like, only, than, too

b. Choose the right word to complete the sentence.

1. I stayed at home **and / after / or** watched television.
2. I usually drive to work **so / but / and** I went by bus this morning.
3. Do you want to go out **because / or / if** are you tired?
4. We love films **so / because / although** we often go to the cinema.
5. She sleeps **even / also / only** four hours every night.
6. I like Italian restaurants and my husband loves them **as well / even / only**.
7. I went to bed early **although / because / so** I was tired.
8. She did not get the job **if / because / although** she had the right qualifications.
9. He works harder **even / than / like** everyone else in the office.
10. I will lend him the money **when / if / although** he agrees to return it in a month.

d. Fill in the gaps with *also, as well, even, like, only, than too*. Use each only once.

I really enjoy cooking and my husband likes cooking _____. All my family like cooking. _____ my ten-year-old son cooks dinner once a week. He cooks _____ a real chef! _____ my daughter doesn't like cooking at all. They say that I cook better _____ my mother. I _____ like to make my own bread and my own wine _____!

f. Read this text about the Open University and choose the correct word a, b, c or d for each space.

At the Open University, you get as much support as you personally need. 1) _____ you haven't studied for a while, we'll help you get started. And 2) _____ if you have, you'll still be glad to know that help is always there for you. All you need have is an enthusiasm for your studies 3) _____ a willingness to learn. We have 13 local offices around the UK 4) _____ we will put you in touch with your nearest OU centre from the start. You'll 5) _____ have a personal tutor who is a specialist in the subject you want to study. You can talk over the phone, face to face, via e-mail 6) _____ computer conference. As the course progresses, you can meet and exchange ideas with other students 7) _____. Your tutor will give you regular guidance and assessment 8) _____ you will know how your studies are getting on and you will feel sure about how much you progress. Remember, 9) _____ you join the OU, you're never alone - more students register every year with the OU 10) _____ with any other UK university.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| 1. | a) But | b) If | c) After | d) So |
| 2. | a) when | b) although | c) even | d) or |
| 3. | a) and | b) so | c) also | d) than |
| 4. | a) but | b) because | c) when | d) so |
| 5. | a) although | b) also | c) when | d) only |
| 6. | a) as well | b) only | c) even | d) or |
| 7. | a) as well | b) even | c) than | d) after |
| 8. | a) because | b) although | c) so | d) but |
| 9. | a) before | b) when | c) even | d) like |
| 10. | a) also | b) only | c) than | d) and |