LESSON 14

Conjunctions

Grammar Link and Review

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Grammar Introduction

A Conjunctions: And, But, Or, So

I ate a sandwich, and you ate an apple.	• And joins similar ideas together.
It was expensive, but I bought it.	• But joins contrasting ideas together.
We can go by bus, or we can walk.	• Or joins choices together.
It rained all day, so we played inside.	• So expresses results.

- And, but, or, and so are coordinating conjunctions. They join two independent, but related, sentences. A comma is used when two sentences are joined.
- And, but, and or can also join words and phrases.

I ate an apple and a banana. I was sad but didn't cry. Do you like red or blue?

▸ **Complete the sentence using and, but, or or. Use a comma if necessary.**

1 We had pizza _____ salad for lunch. They were good.

2 Mike will go to France _____ Italy for vacation. He's not sure which yet.

3 He has started reading a book _____ hasn't finished it yet.

4 It's a small house _____ it feels very big.

5 She bought two cones of ice cream _____ gave one to her sister.

▸ **Complete the sentence using so or but. Use a comma if necessary.**

1 He didn't study _____ he didn't do well on the test.

2 She didn't study _____ she did well on the test.

3 They ran to the bus stop _____ they missed the bus.

4 We ran to the bus stop _____ we didn't miss the bus.

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B Conjunctions: Because, If, Before, After

Main Clause	Subordinate Clause	
I got an A	because I studied hard.	• Because expresses causes and reasons.
I will go to the park	if it is sunny.	• If expresses conditions.
She washed her hands He will watch TV	before she had dinner. after he does his homework.	• Before and after express order and sequence.

- Because, if, before, and after are subordinating conjunctions. Subordinating conjunctions come at the beginning of the subordinate clause. They join a subordinate clause to a main clause.
- A comma is used when a subordinate clause comes before a main clause.

Because I studied hard, I got an A. If it is sunny, I will go to the park.

Write because, if, before, or after. Use each conjunction once.

1 _____ we finish eating lunch, we usually play outside.

2 _____ it was raining, we stayed home all day.

3 _____ the door is locked, use this key.

4 _____ you cross the street, look both ways.

Choose and write. Discuss your choices.

because (2x) if (2x) before after

1 He turned off the TV _____ he finished watching the news.

2 We can get something to eat _____ you are hungry.

3 Kate didn't go to school today _____ she was sick.

4 Think about your day _____ you write about it in your diary.

5 They will be late _____ they don't hurry.

6 Jim was late for school _____ he missed the bus.

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Grammar Practice

A Choose and write.

and or but so if because before after

1 John rested at home _____ he was tired.

2 What should we do _____ we finish our homework?

3 Which do you like more, apples _____ oranges?

4 _____ you want to go to college, you should study hard.

5 I cleaned my room, _____ it's still messy.

6 My mom puts sugar _____ milk in her coffee.

7 My uncle usually calls _____ he visits us.

8 I didn't have an umbrella, _____ I got wet.

B Read and match.

1 It was a beautiful spring day,	a and my dad drove to the park.
2 We got into the car,	b or we can go home for lunch.
3 My mom packed our lunches,	c so we went on a picnic.
4 We can buy hot dogs here,	d but she left them at home.
5 He wants to have a party	e before the party begins.
6 He has many things to do	f because today is his birthday.
7 There will be a lot of people	g after the party is over.
8 He will be tired	h if all his friends come.

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Grammar in Context

A Write about yourself.

1 What will you do if you have some free time today?

_____

2 How do you feel today? Why?

_____

3 What do you usually do before you have a big test?

_____

4 How do you usually feel after you finish reading a book?

_____

B Choose and write.

Happy Mother's Day, Mom!

Today, you don't have to do anything _____ we will do everything.

It's OK _____ you want to sleep in. Please do.

It's OK _____ you don't cook. We will cook.

It's OK _____ you don't clean the house. We will clean it.

Today, let's do your favorite things _____ eat your favorite food.

Mom, you always do so much for us, _____ we thank you.

We are very lucky _____ you're our mom.

if (3x) because (x2) and so

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