

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.



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.

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.

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| 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. |

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

