

Writing with Conjunctions II

The words and, but, and or are conjunctions. In sentences, these conjunctions join nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, or adverbs.

Examples of Conjunctions	
noun + noun	Japanese <u>life</u> <u>and</u> <u>culture</u> are fascinating.
pronoun + pronoun	<u>You</u> <u>or</u> <u>I</u> may visit Japan someday.
verb + verb	The Japanese people <u>appreciate</u> <u>and</u> <u>respect</u> many old traditions.
adjective + adjective	Yet <u>European</u> <u>or</u> <u>American</u> influences are also seen in Japanese life.
adverb + adverb	<u>Creatively</u> <u>but</u> <u>carefully</u> , Japan has blended the old and the new.

Conjunctions can also join groups of words. In your writing you can use conjunctions to combine the ideas in short sentences.

Japan borrows Western customs. Japan keeps its best traditions.

Japan borrows Western customs but keeps its best traditions.

Summary * A conjunction joins words or groups of words.

A. Write the conjunction in each sentence.

1. Many states celebrate Arbor Day in March or April. _____
2. Planting a tree is hard but satisfying work. _____
3. Arbor Day began and grew popular in Nebraska. _____
4. The once treeless but fertile prairies in Nebraska were called The Great American Desert. _____
5. J. Sterling Morton spoke and wrote about the need for trees on the prairies of Nebraska. _____
6. He wanted every Nebraskan, young or old, to plant trees. _____
7. Eventually Nebraska's lawmakers introduced and passed a law making April 10, 1872, the first Arbor Day. _____
8. Arbor is a Latin word meaning "tree" or "shrub." _____
9. Prizes were given to persons and groups for planting trees. _____
10. A million or more trees were planted that first Arbor Day. _____
11. By 1888, Nebraskans had planted 350 million trees and shrubs. _____
12. Other states and countries followed Nebraska's lead. _____

Write the conjunction in each sentence. Then write nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, or adverbs to show what kind of words are joined.

13. More and more people now recognize the value of trees.

Conjunction _____

14. They appreciate and encourage planting trees.

Conjunction _____

15. Connecticut celebrates Arbor Day in spring and fall.

Conjunction _____

16. Some trees should be planted or transplanted only in fall.

Conjunction _____

17. This tree is small but healthy.

Conjunction _____

18. Birds live happily and well in trees.

Conjunction _____

19. Trees are important for them and us.

20. Trees provide people with food and lumber.

Conjunction _____