



PSLE English Mastery
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ADDITION



together with, along with,
as well as, in addition to

- The phrases **together with**, **along with**, **as well as** and **in addition to** have the same meaning as **and**.
- You must bring your English file to class tomorrow. You must also bring your writing notebook.
- You must bring your English file, **together with** your writing notebook, to class tomorrow.

When the phrase ("together with") and the words that follow it are in the middle of the sentence, put commas around them

- Dad helped Grandma mow her lawn. He helped her clear the weeds too.
 - Dad helped Grandma mow her lawn **as well as** clear the weeds.
- When these phrases and the words that follow them are used before the verb of the sentence, they are not part of the subject. Take care of the subject-verb agreement in such cases.
- The words that follow these phrases are nouns or noun phrases. These words can also be gerunds. Gerunds are verbs ending in **ing**. They act as nouns.
- Rani attends swimming lessons at the community club. Her sisters attend swimming lessons at the community club too.
 - **Together with her sisters**, Rani attends swimming lessons at the community club.

noun phrase
The verb “attends” agrees with “Rani”.
 - Clothes are sold in this store. Sports equipment is sold in this store as well.
 - Clothes, **along with** sports equipment, are sold in this store.

The verb “are” agrees with “clothes”.
 - Gold, silver and platinum are precious metals.
 - Gold, **as well as** silver and platinum, is a precious metal.

The verb “is” agrees Change “precious metals” to “a precious metal” in the rewritten sentence.
 - The cave was pitch-dark and had an unpleasant smell.
 - **In addition to being** pitch-dark, the cave had an unpleasant smell.

gerund



Rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in ONE sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

Practice 3

1. The new airport will encourage tourists to visit the region. It will provide much-needed jobs for the locals.

_____ as well as
_____.

2. Jim walks to school every day. His neighbours will also walk to school every day.

_____ together with
_____.

3. Joe will visit his brother and go sightseeing in California.

In addition to _____
_____.

4. My grandparents and their cats live in a five-room flat.

_____ along with
_____.



5. Alan went for a jog in the morning. He took his dog along.

Together with _____
_____.

6. Jill went to a top university in America. Two of her friends went there too.

Along with _____
_____.

apart from

- You can use **apart from** to talk about addition.
- **Apart from** is followed by a noun, noun phrase or gerund.
 - Ben speaks English fluently. He also speaks Mandarin and Malay.
 - **Apart from** speaking English fluently, Ben speaks Mandarin and Malay.

The word "besides" is used to talk about addition.

Do not include it in the rewritten sentence.

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- Who else would be travelling with you besides your best friend?
 - Who else would be travelling with you **apart from** your best friend?



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Practice 4

1. Kate excels in her studies. She is also our best netball player.

Apart from _____
_____.

2. Fruit juice is more refreshing than cola. It is better for health.

Apart from _____
_____.

3. Sam competed in an individual event as well as a team event.

_____ apart from
_____.

Practice 5

1. Many doctors were trained locally. They also went overseas for training.

Apart from _____
_____.

2. The house has a separate living room. It has four large bedrooms as well.

_____ along with
_____.

3. Dad enjoys fishing. His brothers enjoy fishing too.

_____ as well as
_____.

4. Grandpa tested us to pizza. He also brought each of us an ice cream.

In addition to _____
_____.



5. Dad likes to drink coffee. Mum likes to drink coffee too.

Both _____
_____.

6. Our team has won its first match this season. It has also won by a huge margin.

Not only _____
_____.