

● **Linking words** show the logical relationship between sentences or parts of a sentence.

**Positive Addition**

and, both ... and, also

She's **both** clever **and** beautiful.

**Contrast**

but

Mary is talented **but** not very creative.

**Cause / Reason**

because, so

She took an umbrella **because** it was raining outside.

**Condition**

if, unless, or

He won't go to bed **unless** you tell him a story.

**Purpose**

to, so that

Sandra wrote down Helen's home address **so that** she could visit her the following week.

**Time**

when, as soon as, while, before, until, since, etc.

Diana called the police **as soon as** she realised that someone had broken into her flat.

**Place**

where

She couldn't remember **where** she had put her keys.

**Relatives**

who, whom, whose, which, what, that

That's the ring **which** once belonged to my great grandmother.

**Listing Points / Events**

- **to begin:** first, first of all  
First, I put on my pyjamas.
- **to continue:** secondly, then, next  
Then, I brushed my teeth.
- **to conclude:** finally  
Finally, I went to bed.

11 Join the two sentences using the word(s) in brackets.

1 I'd like to go to the party. I'm too busy. (but)  
*I'd like to go to the party but ...*  
*I'm too busy.*

2 She jumped on a chair. She saw the mouse. (when)

3 She is studying hard. She will pass her exams. (so that)

4 It was cold. Tom put on a jumper. (so)

5 He's handsome. He's famous. (both)

6 Rick closed his eyes. He fell asleep. (as soon as)

7 Dan went to the hospital. He hurt his arm. (because)

8 I can't help her. I know someone who can. (but)

9 First, Jim washed his hands. Then he had lunch. (before)

12 Read the sentences and underline the correct linking word / phrase as in the example:

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| 1 Maria put on the kettle <u>because</u> / which she wanted a cup of tea. | 4 I haven't played handball <b>since</b> / when I left school. |
| 2 She won't speak to Bill <b>as soon as</b> / unless he apologises.       | 5 <b>Which</b> / Who is the tallest person in your family?     |
| 3 First, I prepared the meal. <b>Then</b> / Finally, I laid the table.    | 6 Bob brushes his teeth <b>so</b> / before he goes to bed.     |

13 Underline the correct linking word / phrase.



Kelly is 9 years old. She has brown hair 1) and / but blue eyes. She is a very happy child 2) who / which likes to make new friends. All her teachers like her 3) because / so that she is very intelligent. Kelly isn't only a great student. She's 4) also / and an amazing dancer. She can dance 5) both / also modern and jazz 6) but / so she especially likes hip hop.

14 Choose the correct answer.

Exercise is Great!

There are many good reasons 1) B we should exercise. 2) ....., it is great for our health. Playing sports, running, swimming and dancing help us build strong bones 3) ..... muscles. Exercise 4) ..... helps our heart get stronger. 5) ....., exercise makes us feel good about ourselves. We feel happier 6) ..... we have more energy. We are able to run faster 7) ..... become better at playing sports with our friends. 8) ....., exercise makes us look great, too. It helps us stay fit and keeps our body at a healthy weight, 9) ..... is important for a long and healthy life.



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| 1 A what    | B why          | C which   |
| 2 A Then    | B First of all | C Finally |
| 3 A both    | B and          | C or      |
| 4 A also    | B then         | C and     |
| 5 A When    | B Since        | C Next    |
| 6 A while   | B as soon as   | C when    |
| 7 A or      | B and          | C both    |
| 8 A Finally | B First        | C Then    |
| 9 A which   | B what         | C that    |