

2 Connectors

We stayed in a lovely village **and** we went swimming every day. Lola didn't swim **because** the water was really cold!

Language focus

And, but, so and **because** are **connectors**. Use them to join two parts of a sentence.

Use **and** and **but** to connect two ideas. Use **but** when the second idea is different to the first. Use a comma before **but**.

*We had picnics in the fields **and** we walked through the forest.*

*I liked having picnics, **but** I didn't like walking through the forest.*

Use **because** and **so** to talk about the reasons for an action.

Use a comma before **so**.

*I was tired, **so** I went home.* *I went home **because** I was tired.*



1 Circle the correct connectors to complete the sentences.

1 We went to the village _____ we climbed the mountain.

- a so b **and** c but

2 We walked by the river, _____ we didn't swim in it.

- a but b because c and

3 We wanted to go on the river, _____ we took a boat to the island.

- a but b and c so

4 We went back to the village early _____ Mum was sleepy.

- a because b and c so

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Complete the poem with *and, so, but or because*.

The Park Poem

It was a beautiful day,
(1) So we all went to play.
We laughed (2) we joked quite a lot.
We sat in the shade
Of a towering tree
(3) we were hungry and hot.
After sandwiches, chocolate,
Bananas and more,
We were sleepy, (4) then Ricky said,
'I don't know about you,
My two favourite friends,
(5) I think I'm ready for bed.'



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Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

My Weekend

On Friday, I did my homework and (1) had my dinner . I didn't go to the cinema because (2) . On Saturday morning, I was really hungry, so (3) . On Saturday afternoon, I went to Dominic's birthday party, but (4) . On Sunday morning, it was sunny, so (5) . I usually go to my grandparents' house on Sunday afternoons, but last Sunday (6) because . On Sunday evening, I watched TV and (7) . I went to bed early because (8) .