

A

and but or so because

We use these words (*conjunctions*) to join two sentences. They make one longer sentence from two shorter sentences:

sentence A The car stopped.  The driver got out. *sentence B*
 The car stopped **and** the driver got out.

B

and/but/or

sentence A

sentence B

We stayed at home	and	(we)* watched television.
My sister is married	and	(she)* lives in London.
He doesn't like her,	and	she doesn't like him.
I bought a newspaper,	but	I didn't read it.
It's a nice house,	but	it hasn't got a garden.
Do you want to go out,	or	are you too tired?

* It is not necessary to repeat 'we' and 'she'.

In lists, we use commas (,). We use **and** before the last thing:

- ☐ I got home, had something to eat, sat down in an armchair **and** fell asleep.
- ☐ Karen is at work, Sue has gone shopping **and** Chris is playing football.

C

so (the result of something)

sentence A

sentence B

It was very hot, **so** I opened the window.
Joe does a lot of sport, **so** he's very fit.
They don't like travelling, **so** they haven't been to many places.

D

because (the reason for something)

sentence A

sentence B

I opened the window **because** it was very hot.
Joe can't come to the party **because** he's going away.
Lisa is hungry **because** she didn't have breakfast.

Because is also possible at the beginning:

- **Because** it was very hot, I opened the window.

E

In these examples there is more than one conjunction:

- It was late **and** I was tired, **so** I went to bed.
- I always enjoy visiting London, **but** I wouldn't like to live there **because** it's too big.

97.1 Write sentences. Choose from the boxes and use and/but/or.

~~I stayed at home.~~
~~I bought a newspaper.~~
 I went to the window.
 I wanted to phone you.
 I jumped into the river.
 I usually drive to work.
 Do you want me to come with you?

I didn't have your number.
 Shall I wait here?
~~I didn't read it.~~
 I went by bus this morning.
~~I watched television.~~
 I swam to the other side.
 I looked out.

- 1 I stayed at home and watched television.
- 2 I bought a newspaper, but I didn't read it.
- 3 I
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7

97.2 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences. Use and/but/so/because.



- 1 It was very hot, so he opened the window.
- 2 They couldn't play tennis
- 3 They went to the museum,
- 4 Bill wasn't hungry,
- 5 Helen was late
- 6 Sue said

97.3 Write sentences about what you did yesterday. Use and/but etc.

- 1 (and) In the evening I stayed at home and studied.
- 2 (because) I went to bed very early because I was tired.
- 3 (but)
- 4 (and)
- 5 (so)
- 6 (because)

When ...

A

When I went out, it was raining.

This sentence has two parts:

when I went out + **it was raining**

You can say:

- ☐ **When I went out**, it was raining. or
- It was raining** when I went out.

We write a comma (,) if **When ...** is at the beginning:

- ☐ { **When** you're tired, don't drive.
- Don't drive **when** you're tired.
- ☐ { Helen was 25 **when** she got married.
- When** Helen got married, she was 25.



We do the same in sentences with **before/while/after**:

- ☐ { Always look both ways **before** you cross the road.
- Before** you cross the road, always look both ways.
- ☐ { **While** I was waiting for the bus, it began to rain.
- It began to rain **while** I was waiting for the bus.
- ☐ { He never played football again **after** he broke his leg.
- After** he broke his leg, he never played football again.

B

When I am ... / When I go ... etc.

Next week Sarah is going to New York. She has a friend, Lisa, who lives in New York, but Lisa is also going away – to Mexico. So they won't see each other in New York.

Lisa **will be** in Mexico **when** Sarah **is** in New York.

The time is *future* (**next week**) but we say:

... **when** Sarah **is** in New York.
(not when Sarah will be)



We use the *present* (**I am / I go** etc.) with a *future meaning* after **when**:

- ☐ **When I get** home this evening, I'm going to have a shower.
(not When I will get home)
- ☐ I can't talk to you now. I'll talk to you later **when I have** more time.

We do the same after **before/while/after/until**:

- ☐ Please close the window **before** you **go** out. (not before you will go)
- ☐ Rachel is going to stay in our flat **while** we **are** away. (not while we will be)
- ☐ I'll wait here **until** you **come** back. (not until you will come back)

98.1 Write sentences beginning with when. Choose from the boxes.

When +

~~I went out~~
I'm tired
I phoned her
I go on holiday
the programme ended
I got to the hotel

+

I turned off the TV
I always go to the same place
there were no rooms
~~it was raining~~
there was no answer
I like to watch TV

- 1 When I went out, it was raining.
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

98.2 Complete the sentences. Choose from the box.

somebody broke into the house	before they came here	when they heard the news
before they crossed the road	while they were away	they didn't believe me
they went to live in New Zealand		

- 1 They looked both ways before they crossed the road.
- 2 They were very surprised
- 3 After they got married,
- 4 Their house was damaged in a storm
- 5 Where did they live ?
- 6 While we were asleep,
- 7 When I told them what happened,

98.3 Which is right?

- 1 ~~I stay~~ / I'll stay here until you come / ~~you'll come~~ back. (I'll stay and you come are right)
- 2 I'm going to bed when I finish / I'll finish my work.
- 3 We must do something before it's / it will be too late.
- 4 Helen is going away soon. I'm / I'll be very sad when she leaves / she'll leave.
- 5 Don't go out yet. Wait until the rain stops / will stop.
- 6 We come / We'll come and visit you when we're / we'll be in England again.
- 7 When I come / I'll come to see you tomorrow, I bring / I'll bring our holiday photos.
- 8 I'm going to Paris next week. I hope to see some friends of mine while I'm / I'll be there.
- 9 'I need your address.' 'OK, I give / I'll give it to you before I go / I'll go.'
- 10 I'm not ready yet. I tell / I'll tell you when I'm / I'll be ready.

98.4 Use your own ideas to complete these sentences.

- 1 Can you close the window before you go out ?
- 2 What are you going to do when ?
- 3 When I have enough money,
- 4 I'll wait for you while
- 5 When I start my new job,
- 6 Will you be here when ?