

Linkers: and / but / because

We use *and* and *because* to connect our ideas.

We use *and* to add more information.

*I like tennis **and** I like swimming.*

*He has two brothers **and** a sister.*

*I watch films **and** meet my friends at the weekend.*

We use *because* to give a reason or an explanation.

*I'm a chef **because** I love cooking.*

*I like London **because** it's very exciting.*

*I don't go to the cinema every weekend **because** it's expensive.*

We use *and* and *but* to connect ideas in a sentence.

We use *and* to add information.

*I speak English **and** Spanish.*

*Can I have a coffee **and** a sandwich please?*

*My daughter's name is Elizabeth **and** she's one year old.*

We use *but* to contrast information.

*I'm from Ankara **but** I live in Istanbul.*

*This is my bag **but** these aren't my keys.*

*I'm very friendly **but** my sister isn't.*

1 Match the sentence halves.

1 I like American football ...

2 I love Carrie ...

3 I work in the day ...

4 I have two sisters ...

5 I live in a house with my parents ...

6 Dave is fat ...

7 I drink a lot of coffee ...

8 At the weekend I go to the cinema ...

a) and my wife is also a doctor.

b) but my shoes are brown.

c) but I'm from the USA.

d) but my wife is from Italy.

e) and a coffee?

f) but I'm a teacher.

g) and grey.

h) and these are my books.

a) and I sometimes work in the evenings.

b) and my brother.

c) because he eats a lot of fast food.

d) and I watch TV.

e) because she's funny and interesting.

f) because it's exciting.

g) and a brother.

h) because I work in a café.

1 Match the sentence halves.

1 My name is Italian ...

2 My parents are doctors ...

3 I'm a doctor ...

4 Can I have two teas ...

5 My trousers are black ...

6 I'm from Spain ...

7 This is my desk ...

8 My favourite colours are green ...

2 Write sentences with the words *and* and *or because*.

1 I / like / life in Japan / interesting.

2 She / live / big house / have / big car.

3 They / not have / car / they / travel / horse.

4 He / like / pizza / he / like / pasta.

5 We / like / school / fun.

6 The party / start / 8pm / finish / 9pm.

7 I / 23 years old / live / London.

8 She / speak / French / come / France.

2 Complete the sentences with *and* or *but*.

1 Usain Bolt _____ Venus Williams are famous sportspeople.

2 Javier Bardem is from Spain _____ Daniel Craig is from England.

3 My t-shirt is white _____ my trousers are brown.

4 Arsenal's colours are red _____ white.

5 Ewan McGregor is from Scotland _____ his wife is French.

6 My sister and I are engineers _____ my brother is an actor.

7 He's a student _____ a waiter in a restaurant.

8 I'm tired _____ thirsty – let's have a break!

3 Complete the texts with *and* or *because*.



I'm English ¹ _____ I like England, but I'm in Australia now ² _____ life is good here. I like the people in Australia ³ _____ I also like the food. I have a car ⁴ _____ the country is very big. At the weekend I drive to the beach ⁵ _____ I swim in the sea.



I'm from London ¹ _____ I live in London now. I live with my parents ² _____ it's expensive to live in a flat with friends. I study at university ³ _____ I work in a restaurant. I study history ⁴ _____ I think it's interesting. I'm always tired because I study in the day ⁵ _____ I work in the evenings.



I'm Irish ¹ _____ I live in Dublin. My parents live in the countryside but I live in the city ² _____ I work as a doctor ³ _____ the hospital is here. I don't go out much ⁴ _____ I work in the evenings ⁵ _____ I don't have a lot of free time.

3 Rewrite the text. Add *and* (x5) or *but* (x3) to the text.

My name is Sophie I'm 23. I'm from York I live in London. I'm British my parents are French. I speak English, French Spanish. I'm a student I'm a waitress in a restaurant. My brother's name is Thibault he's 25. He's a doctor works in a big hospital. My best friend is Melissa. She's a teacher isn't happy in her job.
