

Writing with Conjunctions

The words and, but, and or are conjunctions. In sentences, these conjunctions join nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, or adverbs.

Examples of Conjunctions	
noun + noun	Japanese <u>life</u> <u>and</u> <u>culture</u> are fascinating.
pronoun + pronoun	<u>You</u> <u>or</u> <u>I</u> may visit Japan someday.
verb + verb	The Japanese people <u>appreciate</u> <u>and</u> <u>respect</u> many old traditions.
adjective + adjective	Yet <u>European</u> <u>or</u> <u>American</u> influences are also seen in Japanese life.
adverb + adverb	<u>Creatively</u> <u>but</u> <u>carefully</u> , Japan has <u>blended</u> <u>the</u> <u>old</u> <u>and</u> <u>the</u> <u>new</u> . .

Conjunctions can also join groups of words. In your writing you can use conjunctions to combine the ideas in short sentences.

Japan borrows Western customs. Japan keeps its best traditions.
Japan borrows Western customs but keeps its best traditions.

Summary * A conjunction joins words or groups of words.

Guided Practice

Write the conjunction in each sentence.

1. The Japanese wear suits and shoes in the workplace.
2. The traditional *kimono* is worn at home or for special events.
3. Traditional shoes include wooden *geta* and *zori* sandals.
4. Both types of footwear are worn outdoors but removed indoors.
5. Many Japanese people wear styles by European and American designers.

Practice

A. Write the conjunction.

6. The Japanese borrowed but changed the Chinese language. _____
7. Students have to write and pronounce 1,850 characters. _____
8. Each character is a symbol for a sound or a word. _____
9. Learning to read and write Japanese may take many years. _____
10. Most students in Japan learn Japanese and English. _____
11. Houses are one-story or two-story wooden structures. _____
12. Architecture and landscape are meant to blend. _____
13. Graceful tile roofs and walled gardens are common. _____
14. Inside, the Japanese sit on low cushions or tatami mats. _____
15. A room may be used for living by day but for sleeping at night. _____

B. Write the conjunction in each sentence. Then write *nouns*, *verbs*, *adjectives*, or *adverbs* to show what kind of words are joined.

16. Japanese music may sound different or unfamiliar to Westerners.

Conjunction _____

17. It features stringed instruments and flutes.

Conjunction _____

18. Slowly but surely, Western music has become popular.

Conjunction _____

19. The Japanese produce and attend much traditional drama.

Conjunction _____

20. The serious No plays have themes from history or legend.

Conjunction _____

21. Kabuki plays are colorful and dramatic performances.

Conjunction _____

22. New drama from Japan or other countries is also presented.

Conjunction _____