



Conjunction

Introduction Examples

- I play football and I enjoy it.
- I play football but I'm tired.
- I play football or I rest.
- I play football, so I feel happy.
- I play football because I love it.

Grammar Chart: Conjunctions

AND, BUT, OR, SO, BECAUSE CONJUNCTIONS

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AND

SIMILAR IDEAS

He's a plumber, **and** she is a teacher.

BUT

CONTRAST

I studied a lot, **but** I failed the exam.

OR

TWO
POSSIBILITIES

Do you prefer tea **or** coffee?

SO

RESULT

It was cold, **so** I turned on the heating.

BECAUSE

REASON

I turned on the heating **because** it was cold.

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Conjunction: And

- We use **and** for adding **similar information** or ideas; it means 'too' or 'in addition'.
- _My brother is a plumber, **and** my sister is a teacher._
- _They have an apartment in the city **and** a little house in the countryside._
- When we are connecting sentences, we don't need to repeat the subject (**Tom, I, we, she, etc.**)
- _She got up **and** left_. (=She got up and she left.)
- _He was looking at us **and** smiling._ (=He was looking at us and he was smiling.)

Conjunction: But

- We use **but** for adding **contrasting information**, i.e. information that is different.
- _I studied a lot, **but** I failed the exam._
- _He is good **but** not the best._

Conjunction: Or

- We use **or** to connect **different possibilities**.
- _Would you like to go to the swimming pool **or** to the beach?_
- _He can go to a hotel **or** stay with us.
- We use **or** (NOT **and**) in negative sentences to mean 'not one thing and not another thing'.
- _I **don't** like oranges **and** lemons.
- _I **don't** like oranges **or** lemons.

Connecting Similar Words/Phrases

- Use **and**, **but**, **or** to connect similar words or phrases.
- The items that we connect with **and**, **but**, **or** should be the same grammar type.
Check these common mistakes:
- _I like **dancing and sing**.
- _I like **dancing and singing**. (-ing verb **and** -ing verb)
- _Would you like **to go** to the beach **or having** an ice cream in the park?
- _Would you like **to go** to the beach **or to have** an ice cream in the park? (to-infinitive **and** to-infinitive)

Conjunction: So

- We use **so** to introduce the **consequence** or the **result** of something. The second part of the sentence is the result of the first part of the sentence.
- _It was cold, **so** I turned on the heating._
- _I spent three hours at the gym, **so** I'm really tired now._

Conjunction: Because

- We use **because** to introduce the **reason** for something.
- _I turned on the heating **because** it was cold._
- _I'm speaking quietly **because** I don't want to wake up the baby._