

## USING CONJUNCTIONS 1

Conjunctions as link words are used to join sentences, but besides this function they all have their specific functions in sentences. The following exercises will help to practice the primary functions of the conjunctions in the box below.

But, and, so, or, because and although

**So** – often used to show the result or consequence of action(s).

**And** – to join two sentences of like manner (adding related events).

**But** – used to contrast two ideas in a sentence, usually in the middle and preceded by a comma.

**Or** – used to show alternatives of available choices.

**Because** – It's used to show the reason (why) for an action.

**Although** – used for contrasting ideas in sentences. It can be position both at the beginning or in the middle of the sentence.

### EXERCISES

A. Multiple choice. Underline the best option for each sentence

1. The children can go to the pool **and / but / or** go bowling at the club.
2. He's presently in a shopping mall **so / because / but** he wants to buy some shoes.
3. He was hungry **but / because / so** he made himself some lunch.
4. They got extremely wet **or / although / because** they had umbrellas with them.
5. She didn't want to meet him **and / so / although** she did not return his call.
6. We won't be for long **or / because / although** we'll be at the party tonight.
7. I'd love to stay longer **although / so / but** I have to catch the 17.15 train.
8. We would have some coffee **so / because / and** buttered bread.

B. Sentence transformations. Rewrite the sentences as one using the conjunction provided.

1. He's very tired today. He worked late yesterday. (because)  
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2. Rzeszów looks very near to Dębica. It's rather far away from Dębica. (although)  
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3. The children have just had lunch. They are not hungry now. (so)  
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4. He's rather rude. He's a likeable person. (but)  
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5. She does regular exercises. She always wants to look fit. (because)  
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6. Our visitors have met the Director. They have also met the Dean of Faculty. (and)  
 .....  
 7. We prepared well for the exams. We're not sure of the results. (although)  
 .....  
 8. My friend doesn't hear. He doesn't speak as well. (or)  
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## KEY TO EXERCISES

A. 1. Or 2. Because 3. So 4. Although 5. So 6. Although 7. But 8. And

B.

1. He's very tired today because he worked late yesterday.
2. Although Rzeszów looks very near to Dębica, it's far away / Rzeszów looks very near Dębica although it's far away.
3. The children have just had lunch, so they're not hungry now.
4. He's rather rude, but likeable ( a likeable person).
5. She does regular exercises because she wants to look fit.
6. Our visitors have met the Director and the Dean of Faculty.
7. Although we prepared well for the exams, we're not sure of the results. / We prepared well for the exams although we're not sure of the results/.
8. My friend doesn't hear or speak.

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