

Let's Look at Conjunctions

1 and/but

Book 1B Unit 10;
Book 2 Units 8, 23 & 25

Conjunctions are joining words.
We use them to join sentences.

- The conjunction **and** is used when the outcome is what would be expected.

The ship crashed onto the rocks. It sank beneath the waves.

The ship crashed onto the rocks **and** it sank beneath the waves.

- The conjunction **but** is used when the outcome is **not** what would be expected.

The ship crashed onto the rocks. It stayed afloat.

The ship crashed onto the rocks **but** it stayed afloat.

Join each pair of sentences with **and** or **but**.

1 We were lost.

We didn't panic.

2 The jug was knocked off the table.

Glass went everywhere.

3 My idea didn't work.

I'll think of another one.

2 or

Book 2 Unit 23 & 25

The conjunction **or** is used when there is a choice of outcomes.

I am considering becoming a doctor. I am considering becoming a vet.

I am considering becoming a doctor **or** becoming a vet.

Write sentences with the conjunction **or**:

1 to show a choice between two sports you think you would like to try:

2 to show a choice between two actions you could take when you missed the bus.

- The conjunction **so** is used to show a result.
I'm very tired. I'll go to bed early.
I'm very tired **so** I'll go to bed early.
- The conjunction **because** answers the question *why*.
I'll go to bed early. I am very tired.
I'll go to bed early **because** I'm very tired.

Join each pair of sentences with **so** or **because**.

1 I'll take an umbrella. I won't get wet.

2 I'll take an umbrella. It is going to rain.

4 Conjunctions to do with time: before/while/when/after

The plane took off. The storm had cleared.
The plane took off **before** the storm had cleared.
The plane took off **while** the storm was raging.
The plane took off **when** the storm had cleared.
The plane took off **after** the storm had cleared.

Join each pair of sentences with a suitable **conjunction**.

1 Let's go to the market. It opens at eight o'clock.

2 Let's go to the market. We have had supper.

3 Let's go to the market. It is still light.

4 Let's go to the market. We have made a shopping list.
