

# Coordinating and Subordinating Conjunctions

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## Quick Review

CONJUNCTIONS connect parts of sentences. COORDINATING conjunctions join equal parts: **and, but, or, so**. SUBORDINATING conjunctions start a part that depends on the main idea: **because, when, if, although, while**.

## PRACTICE

Pick or write the BEST answer.

1. Which conjunction BEST fits? *I wanted to play outside, \_\_\_\_\_ it was raining.*
  - A. and
  - B. but
  - C. so
  - D. or
2. Which conjunction BEST fits? *You can have juice \_\_\_\_\_ milk.*
  - A. and
  - B. but
  - C. so
  - D. or
3. Which conjunction BEST fits? *I was tired, \_\_\_\_\_ I went to bed early.*
  - A. and
  - B. but
  - C. so
  - D. or
4. Which conjunction is SUBORDINATING?
  - A. and
  - B. but
  - C. because
  - D. or



5. Which sentence uses a subordinating conjunction correctly?
- A. I was happy and I sang a song.
  - B. I sang a song because I was happy.
  - C. I sang a song or I danced.
  - D. I sang a song but I was happy.
6. Which conjunction BEST fits? \_\_\_\_\_ *it stops raining, we will go outside.*
- A. When
  - B. And
  - C. But
  - D. Or
7. Which sentence has a MISTAKE?
- A. I like apples and oranges.
  - B. I went home because I was tired.
  - C. She is funny but she is also smart.
  - D. He stayed home, when he was sick.
8. Fill in a conjunction: *I want to play outside \_\_\_\_\_ I finish my homework.* (time/condition)  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Which conjunction shows a CONDITION?
- A. and
  - B. if
  - C. but
  - D. or
10. Which sentence uses the conjunction *although* correctly?
- A. Although the soup was hot, I ate it.
  - B. Although I am happy.
  - C. I went home although.
  - D. Although or because, I will go.



## Answer Keys

- 1  A  B  C  D
- 2  A  B  C  D
- 3  A  B  C  D
- 4  A  B  C  D
- 5  A  B  C  D

- 6  A  B  C  D
- 7  A  B  C  D
- 8
- 9  A  B  C  D
- 10  A  B  C  D

### Explanations

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| 1. B  | But shows contrast. And adds; so shows result; or shows choice.  |
| 2. D  | Or shows a choice. The others don't fit a choice between two options.                                    |
| 3. C  | So shows result/consequence. And just adds; but contrasts; or offers a choice.                           |
| 4. C  | Because starts a dependent clause (subordinating). The others are coordinating.                          |
| 5. B  | Because joins a reason to the main clause. The others use coordinating conjunctions or don't make sense. |
| 6. A  | When introduces a time clause. The others are coordinating conjunctions.                                 |
| 7. D  | No comma is needed before "when" here. The others are correct.   |
| 8.    | <b>Answer:</b> after / when / before / if<br>Any subordinating conjunction that shows time or condition. |
| 9. B  | If shows a condition. The others join, contrast, or offer choices.                                       |
| 10. A | Although introduces a contrast and connects two ideas. The others are incomplete or misused.             |



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