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	6	**A**	B	C	D
2	A	B	C	**D**	7	A	B	C	**D**
3	A	B	**C**	D	8	after / when / before / if			
4	A	B	**C**	D	9	A	**B**	C	D
5	A	**B**	C	D	10	**A**	B	C	D

Explanations

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.	**Answer:** after / when / before / if 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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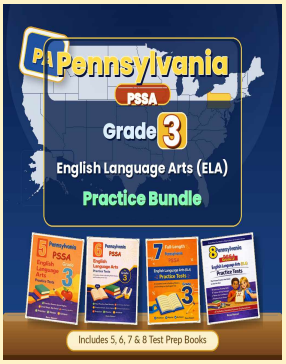

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