



The Conjunction

Read the sentences given below :

1. God made man **and** man made religion.
2. She must run **or** she will miss the train.
3. He is not well **but** has come to school.

Here, in the above examples two sentences are joined together using the words '**and**', '**or**' and '**but**'. These words are called **conjunctions**.

A conjunction is a word that joins together words, phrases or sentences into a single sentence.

Some commonly used conjunctions and their uses :

- (i) **or** : used to introduce a choice **or** alternative.
For example : (i) You must work hard **or** fail.
 (ii) You may go to Udaipur **or** Jaipur.
- (ii) **and** : used to introduce same type of statement.
For example : (i) I have bought an umbrella **and** a raincoat.
 (ii) My sister **and** brother stay together.
- (iii) **If** : used to state a condition or supposition.
For example : (i) **If** he is there, I shall see him.
 (ii) **If** he had money, he would pay the debt.

(iv) **that** : used to express a reason or purpose

For example : (i) He was angry **that** she argued with him.

(ii) He did not answer **that** the dispute might cease.

(v) **than** : used with comparative degree of adjectives.

For example : (i) Mahesh is taller **than** Rohit.

(ii) I know my work better **than** you.

(vi) **because** : used to give reasons.

For example : (i) I ate **because** I was hungry.

(ii) I helped him **because** he helped me once.

Some other common conjunctions are :

till, since, otherwise, whether, neither—nor, either—or, not only—but also, though, although, before, unless, as, when, where, while, after.

Exercise 1 : Underline the conjunctions in the following sentences.

1. I took bread and butter for breakfast.
2. He ran because it was raining.
3. You must wait here until I came back.
4. If I feel any doubt, I will ask.
5. He arrived after you had gone.
6. We eat so that we may live.
7. I read novel because it interests me.
8. Two and two make four.
9. We can travel by car or bus.
10. He is richer than I am.

Exercise 2 : Fill in the blanks using appropriate conjunctions.

1. He lost his balance and fell off the cycle.
2. He must work or he will starve to death.
3. You may take my book or his.
4. On Sunday, I will get up late and relax for the whole day.
5. Teacher brought a chemical and a burner for the experiment.
6. Violin and piano are the leading musical instruments.
7. You should either complete your work or leave the class.
8. If he is there, I shall see him.
9. Since that is so, I am satisfied.
10. Radhika is standing so she is punished.
11. Sabhya is more intelligent than Akarsh.
12. I see you more often than I see her.
13. He was annoyed because he was contradicted.
14. He came early but he was marked late.
15. Surbhi like apples while I like oranges.

Exercise 3 : Join the following sentences using suitable conjunctions.

1. My brother is well, ^{and} My sister is ill.
My brother is well and my sister is ill.
2. He sells potatoes. He ^{and} sells tomatoes.
He sells potatoes and tomatoes.
3. She was very poor. She ^{but} was honest.
She was poor but honest.

4. I have a dog as pet. Dogs are very faithful.

I have a dog as pet because dogs are very faithful.

5. Rama reads to learn, Mohit reads for pleasure.

Rama reads to learn but Mohit reads for pleasure.

6. He is rich. ~~He is~~ not happy.

He is rich, but not happy.

7. I worked hard, I lost the prize.

I worked hard but I lost the prize.

8. He was ill, He drank open water.

He was ill because he drank open water.

9. A car moves very fast, A train moves faster.

A car moves very fast but a train moves faster.

10. Hari went to school, Sita stayed at home.

Hari went to school but Sita stayed at home.

11. I know. He doesn't believe me.

I know that he doesn't believe me.

12. Abhay goes to market, Sanjay goes to school.

Abhay goes to market and Sanjay goes to school.

13. Father is at office, Mother is at home.

Father is at office and Mother is at home.

14. I shall sit still. I have a backache.

I shall sit still because I have a backache.

15. He ran to the station. He missed the train.

He ran to the station but he missed the train.