



Conjunctions

A conjunction joins words or groups of words in a sentence.

There are several types of conjunctions in English grammar. They are:

Coordinating Conjunctions

Connects words, phrases, or clauses that are independent or equal using **and/or/but/so/for/yet**. Use "and" when you mean to say "in addition to". Use "or" to indicate a choice between two things. Use "but" to connect two different things that are not in agreement. Use "so" to illustrate a result of the first part of the sentence. "For" can be used in place of the word "because". Use "yet" to indicate a contrast with something.

- I bought apples **and** oranges at the store.
- We are going to the zoo **and** the aquarium today.
- I am not ready **and** I need more time.
- Would you like coffee **or** tea?
- Do you want a red one **or** a blue one?
- Do you want to stay at the party **or** go home?
- I am a night owl, **but** she is an early bird.
- I want to see a movie, **but** I'm very tired.
- I was angry, **but** I did not show it.

- This song has been very popular, **so** I downloaded it.
- My friend is moving, **so** I'm going to help him pack.
- My co-worker was not doing her job, **so** she was fired.
- I want to go there again, **for** it was a wonderful trip.
- He wants to buy the item, **for** it is not easy to find in stores.
- She took the bus, **for** it is cheaper than taking a taxi.
- He performed very well, **yet** he didn't make the final cut.
- He worked hard on his project, **yet** he still came in second place.
- He is eighty years old, **yet** he exercises regularly.



Subordinating Conjunctions

Connects words, phrases, or clauses that are independent or equal using "after", "before", "since", "once", "until", "how", "when", "where", "while", "although", "because", "if", "unless", or "whether".

After - later than the time that

Before - earlier than the time that

Once - at the moment when

Since - from the time when

Until - up to the time that

How - the way in which

When - at that time

Where - in the place

While - during the time

Although - in spite of the fact that

Because - for the reason that

If - in the event that

Unless - except; on the condition that

Whether - if it is true or not

- I will pick you up **after** the concert.
- I will have dessert **after** dinner.
- I need to finish the dishes **before** my wife gets home.
- I have to clean the house **before** my parents arrive.
- Call me **once** you arrive.
- We can start eating **once** our guests arrive.
- I have not seen her **since** the party.
- **Since** he graduated, he has been doing nothing.
- We cannot eat **until** everyone gets here.
- Don't go anywhere **until** I come back.

- I don't know **how** to use this machine.
- Can you show me **how** you fixed the computer?
- The baby started crying **when** the movie started.
- **When** I came in the room, everyone looked at me.
- He didn't tell anyone **where** he was going.
- Please tell me **where** you are going.
- She left **while** I was on the phone.
- Someone called you **while** you were at the meeting.
- She showed up, **although** she felt sick.
- **Although** my mom told me to come home early, I stayed out late.



- **Because** he was smart and worked hard, he was able to make a lot of money.
- They stopped building the house **because** it was pouring.
- **If** it is sunny tomorrow, we can go to the beach.
- **If** I receive a promotion, you will be the first to know.
- You will not pass the exam **unless** you get a score of 80 or higher.
- **Unless** you ask her, you will never know.
- We will have a picnic **whether** it rains or not.
- It is time to decide **whether** we should take action.

Correlative Conjunctions

Used in pairs to indicate a relationship between two elements in a sentence: both/and, either/or, neither/nor, not only/but also.

- She is **both** happy **and** excited about her new job.
- She won gold medals from **both** the single **and** group races.
- **Both** TV **and** television are correct words.
- You can have **either** coffee **or** tea with your breakfast.
- I am fine with **either** Monday **or** Wednesday.
- You can have **either** apples **or** pears.
- She likes **neither** soccer **nor** baseball.
- He enjoys **neither** drinking **nor** gambling.
- **Neither** you **nor** I will get off early today.
- I am **not only** hungry, **but also** very thirsty.
- **Not only** red **but also** green looks good on you.
- She got the perfect score in **not only** English **but also** math.

Conjunctive Adverbs

Conjunctive adverbs are words that join independent clauses into one sentence. A conjunctive adverb helps you create a shorter sentence. When you use a conjunctive adverb, put a semicolon (;) before it and a comma (,) after it.

Some examples of conjunctive adverbs are: finally, however, otherwise, still, then, or therefore.

Finally - at the end; at last; after a long time

However - but; used when connecting two contrasting sentences



Otherwise - to indicate that if something doesn't happen, there may be a different situation

Then - at that time; in that case; used to indicate what will or should happen next

Therefore - because of that

- I waited all week for this moment; **finally**, it's here.
- I saved money all year; **finally**, I can buy a car.
- The toy store had many stuffed animals; **however**, it did not have the one my daughter wanted.
- There are many history books; **however**, none of them may be accurate.
- We have to advertise our store; **otherwise**, some people may not know we're open now.
- The law does not permit drinking and driving anytime; **otherwise**, there would be many more accidents.
- I was having a good time; **then**, it was time to leave.
- The baby fell asleep; **then**, the doorbell rang.
- I didn't study for the test; **therefore**, I failed it.
- The due date for the final paper has passed; **therefore**, I could not submit mine on time.

Practice Questions

Quiz 1: Directions: Choose the correct answer

1) Do you want to eat spaghetti _____ steak tonight?

- a. and
- b. but
- c. or

2) She is bringing dessert _____ drinks to the party.

- a. and
- b. but
- c. or

3) I like classical music, _____ my husband likes jazz.

- a. and



- b. but
- c. or

4) I am attending the wedding _____ taking a guest.

- a. and
- b. but
- c. or

5) We want to order Chinese food, _____ he wants Italian.

- a. and
- b. but
- c. or

6) Are you happy _____ upset about the news?

- a. and
- b. but
- c. or

7) I have a dog _____ a cat.

- a. and
- b. but
- c. or

8) I want a dog, _____ my husband is allergic to animals.

- a. and
- b. but
- c. or

Quiz 2: Directions: Fill in the blanks with either "and" "but" or "or"

1) I like to play tennis _____ baseball.

2) You can eat pizza _____ chicken. Please pick one.

3) My friend's mom is nice, _____ her dad is scary.

4) I want to go to the party, _____ I have to work.



- 5) She wants to visit China, _____ I want to visit China.
- 6) Do you want juice _____ coffee?
- 7) I like to watch movies on Saturday, _____ she likes to exercise.
- 8) I bought cake _____ ice cream for the party.

Quiz 1 Answers

- 1) c. or
2) a. and
3) b. but
4) a. and
5) b. but
6) c. or
7) a. and
8) b. but

Quiz 2 Answers

- 1) and
2) or
3) but
4) but
5) and
6) or
7) but
8) and

Quiz 3: Directions: Choose the correct answer

- 1) I didn't eat breakfast, _____ I'm hungry.
- a. so
b. for
c. yet
- 2) I am tired, _____ I need to stay up and study for my test.
- a. so
b. for
c. yet
- 3) I like her, _____ she is always nice to me.



- a. so
- b. for
- c. yet

4) She must be tired, _____ she fell asleep before dinner.

- a. so
- b. for
- c. yet

5) I am tired, _____ I am going to go to bed.

- a. so
- b. for
- c. yet

6) I studied really hard, _____ I failed the test.

- a. so
- b. for
- c. yet

7) I didn't study, _____ I failed the test.

- a. so
- b. for
- c. yet

8) I forgot to bring an umbrella, _____ I got soaked.

- a. so
- b. for
- c. yet

Quiz 4: Directions: Choose the correct answer.

1) Sarah is afraid of dogs, _____ she adores the neighbor's poodle.

- a. so
- b. yet

2) I ate too much for lunch, _____ I am going to skip dinner.



- a. so
- b. for

3) I hate to waste gas, _____ it is very expensive these days.

- a. yet
- b. for

4) I am allergic to berries, _____ I like the taste of strawberries.

- a. so
- b. yet

5) I'm allergic to dairy, _____ I don't drink milk.

- a. for
- b. so

6) I am taking art class, _____ it is the easiest class at school.

- a. for
- b. yet

Quiz 3 Answers

- 1) a. so
- 2) c. yet
- 3) b. for
- 4) b. for
- 5) a. so
- 6) c. yet
- 7) a. so
- 8) a. so

Quiz 4 Answers

- 1) b. yet
- 2) a. so
- 3) b. for
- 4) b. yet
- 5) b. so
- 6) a. for



Quiz 5: Directions: Choose the correct answer

- 1) I will be here _____ 10 o'clock.
- a. once
 - b. until
- 2) Things have not been the same _____ the funeral.
- a. once
 - b. since
- 3) Please call me _____ the soccer game.
- a. after
 - b. until
- 4) I remembered him _____ I heard his voice.
- a. since
 - b. once
- 5) Call me _____ you start having contractions.
- a. once
 - b. since
- 6) This building has been remodeled three times _____ I lived here.
- a. once
 - b. since
- 7) Please see me _____ you leave.
- a. before
 - b. since
- 8) _____ he contacted me, I was going to call him.
- a. Until
 - b. Before
- 9) They won't allow us to sit _____ everyone arrives.



- a. until
- b. since

10) The student will see the teacher _____ class.

- a. once
- b. after

Quiz 6: Directions: Choose the correct answer.

1) _____ the concert started, everyone began screaming.

- a. Before
- b. Once
- c. Since
- d. Until

2) I like to read _____ I go to bed.

- a. since
- b. before
- c. until
- d. after

3) We can not start _____ everyone arrives. So please wait patiently.

- a. since
- b. before
- c. until
- d. after

4) You should brush your teeth _____ you eat.

- a. since
- b. before
- c. until
- d. after

5) _____ the boy finishes his homework, he can watch TV.

- a. Since
- b. Before
- c. After



d. Until

6) She started crying _____ she heard the news about the accident.

- a. since
- b. once
- c. before
- d. until

7) I have not seen him _____ I was young.

- a. since
- b. once
- c. before
- d. until

8) She hasn't called me _____ last month.

- a. since
- b. once
- c. before
- d. until

Quiz 5 Answers

- 1) b. until
- 2) b. since
- 3) a. after
- 4) b. once
- 5) a. once
- 6) b. since
- 7) a. before
- 8) b. Before
- 9) a. until
- 10) b. after

Quiz 6 Answers

- 1) b. Once
- 2) b. before
- 3) c. until
- 4) d. after
- 5) c. After
- 6) b. once



- 7) a. since
- 8) a. since

Quiz 7: Directions: Choose the correct answer

- 1) I don't know _____ I put my keys.
 - a. where
 - b. when
- 2) We want to know _____ you got inside?
 - a. while
 - b. how
- 3) I don't know _____ she is coming home.
 - a. where
 - b. when
- 4) Someone called _____ you were taking a shower.
 - a. while
 - b. where
- 5) My dog started barking _____ I was talking on the phone.
 - a. where
 - b. while
- 6) I need to know _____ John hid the present.
 - a. where
 - b. while
- 7) I started looking for a gas station _____ my gas light went on.
 - a. how
 - b. when
- 8) I wonder _____ you did it.



- a. how
- b. while

Quiz 8: Directions: Choose the correct answer.

1) I wish that I knew _____ to swim, but I don't.

- a. while
- b. how
- c. where
- d. when

2) _____ she arrived home, she saw that her husband had prepared dinner.

- a. While
- b. How
- c. Where
- d. When

3) He is finishing the report _____ she is working on the presentation.

- a. while
- b. how
- c. where
- d. when

4) Let's play outside _____ there is still some sunlight.

- a. while
- b. how
- c. where
- d. when

5) Can you tell me _____ to get to the bank from here?

- a. while
- b. how
- c. where
- d. when

6) I can't remember _____ I put my phone. Have you seen it?



- a. while
- b. how
- c. where
- d. when

7) You can sleep on my couch _____ you visit.

- a. while
- b. how
- c. where
- d. when

8) We are best friends, but I don't know _____ he lives.

- a. while
- b. how
- c. where
- d. when

Quiz 7 Answers

- 1) a. where
- 2) b. how
- 3) b. when
- 4) a. while
- 5) b. while
- 6) a. where
- 7) b. when
- 8) a. how

Quiz 8 Answers

- 1) b. how
- 2) d. When
- 3) a. while
- 4) a. while
- 5) b. how
- 6) c. where
- 7) d. when
- 8) c. where



Quiz 9: Directions: Choose the correct answer

- 1) I love dogs _____ they are so cute.
- a. although
 - b. because
- 2) I will be at the party _____ there is an emergency at the hospital.
- a. unless
 - b. because
- 3) I want to buy it _____ it is expensive or not.
- a. unless
 - b. whether
- 4) You can watch TV _____ you finish your homework.
- a. if
 - b. although
- 5) _____ it was raining, I walked home.
- a. Although
 - b. Unless
- 6) _____ she got a raise, she was still unhappy at work.
- a. Although
 - b. If
- 7) She received a promotion _____ of her hard work.
- a. because
 - b. if
- 8) You can have dessert _____ you finish your dinner.
- a. unless
 - b. if
- 9) We will go to the beach _____ it rains.



- a. unless
- b. because

10) Please let me know _____ or not you are coming.

- a. if
- b. whether

Quiz 10: Directions: Choose the correct answer.

1) _____ they are good friends, they don't talk to each other a lot.

- a. Although
- b. If
- c. Unless
- d. Because
- e. Whether

2) _____ you study hard, you won't get a good score on the test.

- a. Although
- b. If
- c. Unless
- d. Because
- e. Whether

3) We are going to the show _____ or not it rains.

- a. although
- b. if
- c. unless
- d. because
- e. whether

4) I want to sign up for the art class _____ it looks fun.

- a. although
- b. if
- c. unless
- d. because
- e. whether

5) She will teach you math _____ you pay her 10 dollars an hour.



- a. although
- b. if
- c. unless
- d. because
- e. whether

6) I am going to go for a run tonight _____ it rains.

- a. although
- b. if
- c. unless
- d. because
- e. whether

7) She won't date you _____ you have a lot of money.

- a. although
- b. if
- c. unless
- d. because
- e. whether

8) _____ I am not very good at tennis, I enjoy playing.

- a. Although
- b. If
- c. Unless
- d. Because
- e. Whether

9) Why did you come _____ you are going to complain the whole time?

- a. although
- b. if
- c. unless
- d. because
- e. whether

10) You got the promotion _____ you worked hard.

- a. although
- b. if



- c. unless
- d. because
- e. whether

Quiz 9 Answers

- 1) b. because
- 2) a. unless
- 3) b. whether
- 4) a. if
- 5) a. Although
- 6) a. Although
- 7) a. because
- 8) b. if
- 9) a. unless
- 10) b. whether

Quiz 10 Answers

- 1) a. Although
- 2) c. Unless
- 3) e. whether
- 4) d. because
- 5) b. if
- 6) c. unless
- 7) c. unless
- 8) a. Although
- 9) b. if
- 10) d. because

Quiz 11: Directions: Choose the correct answer

- 1) _____ you nor I got the promotion.
 - a. Either
 - b. Neither
 - c. Both
 - d. Not only

- 2) He is _____ smart in math, but also science.
 - a. either
 - b. neither



- c. both
- d. not only

3) I can go _____ tomorrow or Saturday.

- a. either
- b. neither
- c. both
- d. not only

4) She brought _____ potato salad and sandwiches to the picnic.

- a. either
- b. neither
- c. both
- d. not only

5) I am fine with _____ steak or chicken.

- a. either
- b. neither
- c. both
- d. not only

6) _____ is she allergic to dogs, but also cats.

- a. Either
- b. Neither
- c. Both
- d. Not only

7) My mom likes _____ cats nor dogs.

- a. either
- b. neither
- c. both
- d. not only

8) I speak _____ English and Spanish.

- a. either
- b. neither
- c. both
- d. not only



Quiz 12: Directions: Choose the correct answer.

1) We traveled by both train _____ bus.

- a. but also
- b. and
- c. nor
- d. or

2) She is not only my wife, _____ my best friend.

- a. but also
- b. and
- c. nor
- d. or

3) I like neither studying _____ working. They are both terrible.

- a. but also
- b. and
- c. nor
- d. or

4) She doesn't exercise _____ eat well. I am worried about her.

- a. but also
- b. and
- c. nor
- d. or

5) They are not only kind, _____ very smart.

- a. but also
- b. and
- c. nor
- d. or

6) He is neither a good employee _____ a good friend.

- a. but also
- b. and
- c. nor



d. or

7) We got to see both the parade _____ the fireworks.

- a. but also
- b. and
- c. nor
- d. or

8) She is not only coming to the party, _____ bringing all the food.

- a. but also
- b. and
- c. nor
- d. or

Quiz 11 Answers

- 1) b. Neither
- 2) d. not only
- 3) a. either
- 4) c. both
- 5) a. either
- 6) d. Not only
- 7) b. neither
- 8) c. both

Quiz 12 Answers

- 1) b. and
- 2) a. but also
- 3) c. nor
- 4) d. or
- 5) a. but also
- 6) c. nor
- 7) b. and
- 8) a. but also

Quiz 13: Directions: Choose the correct answer

1) We planned a trip to the beach; _____, it rained all day.

- a. however



b. finally

2) I won the coin toss; _____, I go first.

a. otherwise

b. therefore

3) We ate dinner first; _____, we left.

a. then

b. indeed

4) We've been waiting for good news; _____, it came.

a. instead

b. finally

5) We must leave now; _____, we will miss the bus.

a. otherwise

b. however

Quiz 14: Directions: Choose the correct answer.

1) You need to wear a coat because it will be cold. _____, you might catch a cold.

a. Finally

b. Therefore

c. Otherwise

d. Then

e. However

2) He has been looking for a job for over six months. _____, he got a job last week.

a. Finally

b. Therefore

c. Otherwise

d. Then

e. However

3) I exercised for an hour. _____, I went home and took a shower.



- a. Finally
- b. Therefore
- c. Otherwise
- d. Then
- e. However

4) She worked very hard at the company. _____, she did not get the promotion.

- a. Finally
- b. Therefore
- c. Otherwise
- d. Then
- e. However

5) I forgot my passport at home. _____, I can't board the plane.

- a. Finally
- b. Therefore
- c. Otherwise
- d. Then
- e. However

Quiz 13 Answers

- 1) a. however
- 2) b. therefore
- 3) a. then
- 4) b. finally
- 5) a. otherwise

Quiz 14 Answers

- 1) c. Otherwise
- 2) a. Finally
- 3) d. Then
- 4) e. However
- 5) b. Therefore