

CONJUNCTIONS

Conjunctions connect two clauses in the same sentence.

Reason, result and purpose

as, because, in case, in order {not} to, otherwise, so, so as {not} to, so that

**in case* and *so that* can be followed by the present simple to refer to the future.

Take an umbrella in case it rains later on.

I'll lend you some gloves so that you don't get your hands dirty.

Contrast and concession

although, but, however, {even} though, whereas, while/whilst

*As a conjunction, *however* means "no matter how".

You can decorate your room however you want.

**In spite of the fact that* and *despite the fact that* can also connect two clauses

She continued to support him, despite the fact that he had treated her so badly.

Time

After, as, as soon as, before, by the time, hardly, no sooner, once, since, then, until, when, whenever while

Many of these conjunctions are followed by a present tense or present perfect to refer to the future.

Once it stops/has stopped raining, we'll go out

LINKING ADVERBIALS

Linking adverbials connect one sentence with another. They frequently appear at the beginning of a sentence, and are followed by a comma.

Reason and result

As a result, Because of this, Consequently, For this reason, On account of this, Therefore

There was a power cut this morning. Consequently, I couldn't do any work on the computer.

Contrast and concession

All the same, At the same time, By/In comparison, By/In contrast, Even so, However, In spite of/Despite this, Likewise, Nevertheless, On the contrary, On the other hand, Similarly

**On the contrary* is used to introduce a positive statement which confirms a negative one.

* *On the other hand* introduces a point which contrasts with a previous one.

The lottery win did not bring happiness. On the contrary, it caused the breakup of his marriage.

It's a rather ugly city to live in. On the other hand, house prices here are very low.

Time

After that/Afterwards, Before that/Beforehand, By that time, Eventually, Ever since then, Finally, From that time on, Initially, In the end, In the meantime/Meanwhile, Until then

The bed's being delivered next week. In the meantime, I'm sleeping on the sofa.

Addition

Additionally, Besides {this}, Apart from this, As well as this, In addition to this, First of all, Secondly, Finally, Furthermore, Moreover, What is more

The campsite shop rarely opened on time. Furthermore, the staff there were rude to me.

ACTIVITIES

1. Complete the gaps with the following prepositions. They can be used more than once.

as - for - from - in - of - on - to

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b __ account __ this, she decided it would be best to retire.
c __ this reason,
- The spines of the cactus serve as a form of defence. a __ addition __ this,
b __ well __ this, they direct rainwater into the
c Apart __ this, depressions of the plant.

2. Complete each of the gaps with one of the following conjunctions or linking adverbials.

despite this - by contrast - on the contrary - in case - otherwise - so that - however - by that time - from that time on - in the meantime - even though - whereas

- a. You'd better go now, _____ you'll miss your bus.
b. I hope to get a new computer next month. _____ I'll use my husband's laptop.
c. Take some money for a taxi _____ you miss your bus.
d. He went to see the match, _____ he doesn't like cricket.
e. He went to see the match, _____ I watched it on TV.
f. The burglary affected us in other ways, too. _____ we always made sure one of us was in the house.
g. He does not act hastily. _____, he sometimes takes days to reach a decision.
h. The song of the blackbird is melodious, but limited in range. _____, the starling mimics other birds and has an extremely varied repertoire.
i. The salary being offered was very low. _____ there were over 650 applications for the job.
j. Leave early _____ you don't miss your bus.
k. We finally reached the campsite at sunset. _____ I was exhausted and went straight to sleep in the tent
l. _____ you look at it, cricket is a boring game.

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b. even though *the exam is in three months' time.*

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b. What is more, _____
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b. whereas _____
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4. I wouldn't recommend it as a holiday destination, a. unless _____
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*Possible answers

- It rained constantly during the first week of our holiday. a. As a result, **we came home early.**
b. What is more, **the rainwater leaked in through a hole in the tent.**
- She sent him some flowers, a. **so that he would receive at least one present on his birthday.**
b. **whereas he gave her absolutely nothing.**
- He hadn't had a stressful day. a. **On the contrary, he'd had time to write emails to eight of his friends**
b. **By contrast, I've had to stay at work until 9 to get everything finished**
- I wouldn't recommend it as a holiday destination, a. **unless you enjoy sharing a beach with 3,000 people**
b. **although it's certainly worth spending a day there.**