

Grammar Basics: Conjunctions

Grammar Basics — Grades 1–3 • 4 pages • Print Letter or A4, grayscale friendly

Conjunctions — Learn and practice with examples you can picture.

Learn

A conjunction joins words, phrases, or sentences. And adds, but shows contrast, or gives a choice. Because explains a reason.

Examples

- I have apples and oranges. I wanted to play, but it rained.
- You can draw or paint. We stayed inside because it was cold.

Tip for grown-ups: Read the examples together, point to each word, and act one out. Keep it playful — 5 to 8 minutes is enough for Grade 1.

How to use this sheet

Page 1 explains the idea. Page 2 is finding and marking practice. Page 3 is writing practice plus an optional Challenge for Grades 2–3. Page 4 is the Answer Key.

Low-ink worksheet — lines and boxes print clearly in grayscale.

Page 2 — Practice: Find and Mark

Circle the conjunction in each sentence.

Word bank — look for these ideas while you work

Read each sentence slowly. Mark only what the directions ask.

1. ☐ We visited the zoo and the museum.
2. ☐ I was tired but I kept reading.
3. ☐ You may have milk or juice.
4. ☐ She left early because she had practice.
5. ☐ We can walk or ride our bikes.
6. ☐ He sings and he dances.

Boxes are checkboxes. Circle or underline as the directions say. Use a pencil so you can try again.

Grown-up check: Ask, "How do you know that word fits the job?" Praise noticing, not speed.

Page 3 — Practice: Write and Build

Join the pair with the best conjunction (and, but, or, because). Write the new sentence.

1. ☐ I like carrots. I like peas.
2. ☐ We wanted ice cream. The shop was closed.
3. ☐ You can use crayons. You can use markers.
4. ☐ We wore coats. It was snowing.
5. ☐ She practiced daily. She improved fast.
6. ☐ Will you stay? Will you leave?

Challenge for Grades 2–3 (Optional)

Grade 1 can skip or try with help — this part is extra.

Grade 2–3 Challenge: Write two sentences each using a different conjunction. Circle the conjunction.

1. Sentence 1: _____
2. Sentence 2: _____

Writing lines are real space — write in pencil, one clear word on each line.

Answer Key

Check your work on pages 2 and 3. For open writing, any sensible answer that follows the directions is correct. Samples show one good way.

1. Identification: and, but, or, because, or, and
 2. Application: sample — and, but, or, because, and, or
 3. Challenge: conjunctions correctly used and circled
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How answers match the pages

Identification (page 2): every closed item has its answer above. Application (page 3): sample words or sentences show level. Challenge (page 3, optional): check that the Challenge directions were followed and writing is clear — not an exact match.

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