

Words that connect sentences

Conjunctions

Conjunctions are words that join two parts of a sentence together:

- I stood up **and** walked to the door.*
- It's cold in here **because** the window is open.*
- I like fish **but** I don't like meat.*
- I saw Paul **when** I was in town.*
- It was raining **so** I took my umbrella.*

Starting sentences

Some adverbs are often used to start sentences, especially when you are speaking:

- Now, tell me a bit about your family.*
- So, did you enjoy the show?*
- Well, I'm not sure, really.*

Good to know!

Be careful to put the word also in the correct place. Usually it comes before the verb:

Tom also bought an ice cream.

However, it comes after the verb be:

My sister was also happy about it.

Connecting words

Word Finder	also	ADVERB You can use also to give more information about something.
	and	CONJUNCTION You use and to connect two or more words or phrases.
	because	CONJUNCTION You use because when you are giving the reason for something.
	but	CONJUNCTION You use but to introduce something that is different from what you have just said.
	now	ADVERB You use now to start talking about something new.
	OK	ADJECTIVE You use OK to say that you agree with something.
	or	CONJUNCTION You use or to show choices or possibilities.

Word Finder	really	1 ADVERB You can say ' really? ' to express surprise at what someone has said. 2 ADVERB You use really to make what you are saying stronger.
	so	1 CONJUNCTION You use so to introduce the result of a situation. 2 ADVERB You can use so in conversations to introduce a new subject.
	then	ADVERB You use then to say that one thing happens after another.
	well	ADVERB You use well before you begin to speak, or when you are surprised about something.
	when	1 CONJUNCTION You use when to introduce the part of the sentence where you mention the time at which something happens. 2 PRONOUN You use when to ask questions about the time at which things happen.

Exercise 1

Match the sentence halves.

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|--------------------------------|---|
| 1 I'd like to have a pizza | a but first tell me your name. |
| 2 The sports centre was closed | b or three cups of coffee a day. |
| 3 Don't drink more than two | c when the two main people got married. |
| 4 Come and sit down, | d so we couldn't go to the gym. |
| 5 The film ended | e and some salad, please. |
| 6 Thelma had a party | f because it was her birthday. |

Exercise 2

Put the correct word in each gap.

also | or | when | because | but | so

Hi Walid!

You should visit Buckingham Palace ¹ _____ you go to London. I think you should ² _____ go to the National Gallery, ³ _____ you like paintings. Lots of tourists visit the Tower of London, ⁴ _____ you should go there, ⁵ _____ it's best to go early, before there are lots of people. Later, you may have to wait an hour ⁶ _____ more to get in.

Have a great time in London!

Sue

Exercise 3

Are the highlighted words correct or incorrect in this text?

Good afternoon, ladies **or** ☐ gentlemen. My name's Jeanette, **and** ☐ I'm your guide this afternoon. **Now** ☐, we're going to visit the city wall, **because** ☐ before we do, I'd like to tell you something about the history of the city. **So** ☐ when did the first people live here? **Well** ☐, you'll be surprised how long ago that was.

Exercise 4

Choose the correct word.

- 1 I like going to the cinema in my free time. I **and** / **also** / **but** like playing tennis.
- 2 **Now** / **Really** / **Because** let's talk about your new job.
- 3 A I'm very famous indeed – everyone knows me.
B **OK** / **Really** / **Then**?
- 4 **Or** / **When** / **Well**, it's very nice to see you again.
- 5 **Also** / **So** / **Because** why did you come to Australia?
- 6 A I'm sorry I'm late.
B That's **OK** / **now** / **well**.

Exercise 5

Which sentences are correct?

- 1 Now, do you have any more questions? ☐
- 2 When, we've got a lot of things to see. ☐
- 3 Charlie Chaplin acted in films and he also wrote music for his films. ☐
- 4 Would you prefer to go swimming but to stay at home? ☐
- 5 Really, this is the most beautiful city in the world! ☐
- 6 So, tell me about your holiday. ☐

Exercise 6

Put each sentence into the correct order.

- 1 pleased / here / , / I'm very / well / you're / .

- 2 ice cream / , / wants / now / an / who / ?

- 3 home / we / when / go / shall / ?

- 4 in the / you / can swim / OK / , / river / .

- 5 that / know / I didn't / really / ! / ?

- 6 you / so / do / from / where / come / ?
