



# Conjunctions — A1 exercises

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## A. Multiple choice

10 questions

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. I have a brother \_\_\_\_ a sister.  
A) and      B) but      C) or      D) because
2. The flat is small \_\_\_\_ very comfortable.  
A) and      B) or      C) so      D) but
3. Would you like tea \_\_\_\_ coffee?  
A) and      B) or      C) but      D) because
4. I'm tired \_\_\_\_ I worked until midnight.  
A) so      B) but      C) or      D) because
5. It was raining, \_\_\_\_ we stayed at home.  
A) so      B) because      C) but      D) or
6. He doesn't eat meat \_\_\_\_ fish.  
A) and      B) or      C) but      D) so
7. Which sentence is correct?  
A) I'm late because I missed the bus.      B) I'm late because of I missed the bus.  
C) I'm late because of missed the bus.      D) I'm late so I missed the bus.
8. We were late \_\_\_\_ the traffic.  
A) because      B) so      C) but      D) because of
9. She studied hard, \_\_\_\_ she passed the exam easily.  
A) because      B) but      C) or      D) so
10. I'd love to come, \_\_\_\_ I'm working on Saturday.  
A) and      B) so      C) but      D) because

## B. Fill in the blank

8 questions

Write the missing word or words in the gap.

1. I live in Lisbon \_\_\_\_\_ I work for a bank.
2. The hotel was expensive \_\_\_\_\_ the location was perfect.
3. Shall we walk \_\_\_\_\_ take the bus?

4. I'm exhausted \_\_\_\_\_ I hardly slept last night.
5. The shop was closed, \_\_\_\_\_ we went home.
6. She doesn't drink tea \_\_\_\_\_ coffee.
7. We arrived late \_\_\_\_\_ of the heavy traffic.
8. He studied all weekend, \_\_\_\_\_ he passed the test.

### C. Sentence building

5 questions

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*Put the words in the correct order and write the sentence on the line.*

1. have / a / I / sister. / brother / and / a

*Describe your siblings, joining two items.*

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2. is / very / but / The / flat / small / bright.

*Describe a home with a contrast.*

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3. tea / coffee? / or / you / Would / like

*Offer a guest a choice of drink.*

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4. I'm / late. / because / worked / I / tired

*Explain the reason for your condition.*

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5. It / we / home. / raining, / was / so / stayed / at

*Describe a result of the weather.*

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# Answer key

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*Every answer carries the reason behind it. Read the reason for the questions you got right as well — that is where you find out whether you were right for the right reason.*

## A. Multiple choice

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1. **A) and** — And adds a second item of the same kind.
2. **D) but** — But joins two ideas that pull in different directions.
3. **B) or** — Or offers a choice between two alternatives.
4. **D) because** — Because introduces the reason, and it answers the question why.
5. **A) so** — So introduces the result, which is the opposite direction to because.
6. **B) or** — After a negative, or is what covers both items clearly.
7. **A) I'm late because I missed the bus.** — Because is followed by a clause with a verb; because of is followed by a noun.
8. **D) because of** — The traffic is a noun with no verb, so it needs because of.
9. **D) so** — So introduces the result of studying hard.
10. **C) but** — But introduces the contrast that turns an acceptance into a polite refusal.

## B. Fill in the blank

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1. **and** — And joins two pieces of information of equal weight.
2. **but** — But joins two ideas that pull in different directions.
3. **or** — Or offers a choice between two alternatives.
4. **because** — Because introduces the reason and is followed by a clause with a verb.
5. **so** — So introduces the result of finding the shop closed.
6. **or** — After a negative, or is what reaches both items clearly.
7. **because** — Because of is followed by a noun phrase with no verb.
8. **so** — So gives the consequence of studying.

## C. Sentence building

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1. **I have a brother and a sister.**
2. **The flat is small but very bright.**
3. **Would you like tea or coffee?**
4. **I'm tired because I worked late.**
5. **It was raining, so we stayed at home.**