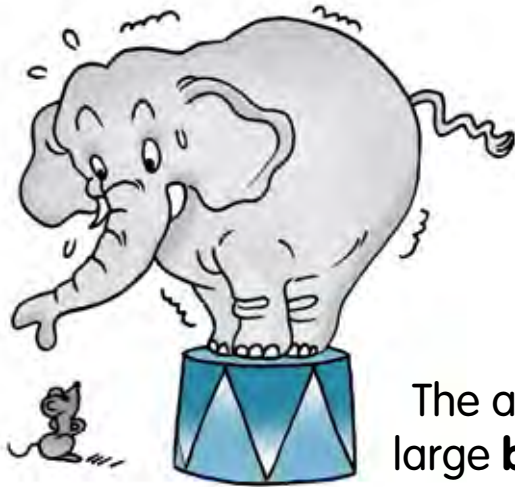


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Conjunctions

A **conjunction** is a linking word such as **and**, **or**, **but**.
Conjunctions are used to connect words or sentences.



The animal is large **but** timid.

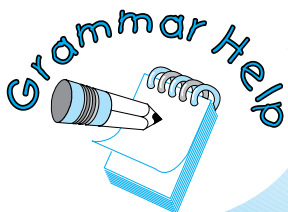


Is this a sheep **or** a goat?

a cat **and** its kittens
a builder **and** his tools
a doctor **and** a nurse
slow **but** steady
sweet **or** sour?
a male **or** a female?
A horse, a zebra **or** a donkey?
Paul has a dog, a parrot **and** a cat.



It's cold, wet **and** windy today.



A **conjunction** may link two or more than two words or sentences.

The words **before**, **after**, **as**, **when**, **while**, **until**, **since**, are also conjunctions. They tell when something happens, so they are called **conjunctions of time**.



Maggie could play the piano **before** she was five.



I always brush my teeth **after** I've had my breakfast.



After he began exercising regularly, Jerry became healthier.



You have grown taller **since** I saw you last.

Look both ways **before** you cross the street.

Joe listened to music **while** he was doing his homework.

Miss Lee was smiling **as** she walked into the class.

Wait here **until** I come back.

Don't leave **until** you've finished your work.

Tran saw an accident **while** he was walking home.

Take all your belongings with you **when** you leave the plane.

Joe first met his wife **when** he was studying in London.

Tom and Joe have been friends **since** childhood.

Exercise 1

Complete these sentences with *and*, *but* or *or*.

- 1 I asked for some bread _____ butter.
- 2 Mr. _____ Mrs. Chen have three children.
- 3 Maggie is a good singer _____ a poor dancer.
- 4 We wish you a Merry Christmas _____ a Happy New Year.
- 5 Is their new baby a boy _____ a girl?
- 6 The dictionary has 1000 words _____ 200 drawings.
- 7 Sue is taller than Nat _____ shorter than Mike.
- 8 Are you going by train _____ by bus?

Exercise 2

Choose the correct *conjunctions of time* from the box to complete these sentences.

when	while	as	before
after	since	until	

- 1 Jack always brushes his teeth _____ he has eaten a meal.
- 2 It started to rain _____ the children were playing in the garden.
- 3 Let's go home _____ it gets dark.
- 4 Give this letter to Anne _____ you see her.
- 5 She has known Jack _____ he was a child.
- 6 The party began at 8:00 P.M. and lasted _____ midnight.
- 7 Alice looked unhappy _____ she walked in.