

Connectives

Type	Connectives	Meaning	Examples
Addition	and	Adds another idea	I like English and Math.
	also	Adds extra information	She is also very kind.
	too	Adds information at the end	I finished my homework too.
	as well as	Adds extra information	He plays football as well as basketball.
Time / Order	first	Shows the first action	First, I woke up early.
	then	Shows the next action	Then, I went to school.
	after that	Shows what happens next	After that, I did my homework.
	later	Shows something happens after some time	Later, we had lunch.
	finally	Shows the last action	Finally, I went to bed.
Contrast	but	Shows an opposite idea	I like tea, but I don't like coffee.
	however	Shows contrast (stronger)	It was raining. However, we went out.
	although	Shows contrast with a reason	Although it was cold, we played.
Cause	because	Shows the reason	I stayed home because I was sick.
Result	so	Shows the result	I was tired, so I slept early.

Pair Connectives

Pair Connective	Use	Meaning	Example
both ... and	Statements	Adds two true ideas	She likes both English and Math.
either ... or	Statements	Shows a choice	You can either stay or leave.
neither ... nor	Statements	Two negative ideas	He likes neither tea nor coffee.
whether ... or	Statements	Two possibilities	I don't know whether he will come or not.
not only ... but also	Statements	Emphasis	She is not only smart but also kind.
rather ... than	Statements	Preference	I prefer tea rather than coffee.
would rather ... or	Questions	Choice question	Would you rather eat chocolate or a banana?

Exercises

Choose the correct connective

1. I was tired, ____ I went to bed early. (so / but)
2. She likes apples ____ bananas. (and / because)
3. He wanted to play, ____ it was raining. (but / so)
4. I stayed home ____ I was sick. (because / although)
5. It was late. ____, we went home. (However / Because)

Complete the sentences

1. First, I woke up. _____, I brushed my teeth.
2. She is kind ____ helpful.
3. _____ it was cold, we played outside.
4. I was late, _____ I missed the bus.
5. Later, we ate lunch, and _____ we went home.

Fill in with pair connectives:

1. She likes ____ English ____ Math.
2. You can ____ stay here ____ go home.
3. He likes ____ tea ____ coffee.
4. I don't know ____ he will come ____ not.
5. She is ____ smart ____ polite.

Exercise 4: Rewrite the sentences in the correct form using the connectives:

1. I prefer walking. I don't prefer driving.

2. He chose juice. He didn't choose soda.

Answer Key

Exercise 1:

1. so
2. and
3. but
4. because
5. However

Exercise 2:

1. Then
2. and / also
3. Although
4. so
5. finally

Exercise 3:

1. both ... and / not only ... but also/ neither ... nor (changes the meaning)
2. either ... or
3. both ... and/ either ... or/ neither ... nor
4. whether ... or
5. both ... and/ not only ... but also/ neither ... nor (changes the meaning)

Reminder for students:

- both ... and → two things are true
- not only ... but also → emphasis
- either ... or → a choice
- neither ... nor → negative (none)

Exercise 4:

1. I prefer walking rather than driving.
2. He chose juice rather than soda.