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Connectives are words we use to join sentences, ideas, or paragraphs.

Examples of Connectives

Addition: and, also, as well as, too

Time / Order: first, then, after that, finally

Contrast: but, however, although

Cause & Effect: because, so

Examples

I like apples **and** oranges.

It was raining, **so** we stayed at home.

Although he was tired, he finished his homework.

First, I woke up. **Then**, I went to school. **Finally**, I went to bed.

Exercises

Exercise 1: Choose the correct connective (and – but – because – so)

1. I was late ____ I missed the bus.
2. She likes apples ____ bananas.
3. He studied hard, ____ he passed the exam.
4. I wanted to play, _ ____ it was raining.

Exercise 2

Fill in with the correct connective:

1. He was very tired, _____ he continued working.
2. I didn't go to school _____ I was ill.
3. She likes reading _____ she prefers writing stories.
4. It was raining heavily, _____ the match was cancelled.
5. _____ he is young, he is very responsible.

Exercise3

Join each pair of sentences using a suitable connective.

1. I studied hard. I wanted to get high marks.

2. It was very cold. We went swimming.

3. She finished her homework. She watched TV.

Exercise 4: Rewrite using the word in brackets

Rewrite each sentence using the word in brackets.

1. He was tired. He stayed awake. (although)

2. I forgot my umbrella. I got wet. (because)

3. She was hungry. She made a sandwich. (so)

Exercise 5: Complete the paragraph

Complete the paragraph using suitable connectives.

_____, we planned our trip carefully. _____, we packed our bags. _____ it was raining, we left early. _____, we arrived on time and enjoyed the day.

Exercise 6: Writing task

Write a short paragraph (4–5 sentences) about your morning routine.

Use at least FOUR connectives from the box below:

first – then – because – so – but – although

Answer Key – Connectives Exercises

Exercise 1:

1. so
2. and
3. so
4. but / although

Exercise 2:

1. but
2. because
3. but / although
4. so
5. although / even though

Exercise 3:

1. I studied hard because I wanted to get high marks.
OR: I studied hard, so I got high marks.
2. It was very cold, but we went swimming.
OR: Although it was very cold, we went swimming.
3. She finished her homework and she watched TV.
OR: She finished her homework, then she watched TV.

Exercise 4:

1. Although he was tired, he stayed awake.
2. I got wet because I forgot my umbrella.
3. She was hungry, so she made a sandwich.

Exercise 5:

Sample answer:

First, we planned our trip carefully. Then, we packed our bags. Although it was raining, we left early. So, we arrived on time and enjoyed the day.

Exercise 6:

Sample answer:

First, I wake up early because I have school. Then, I get dressed and eat breakfast. Although I feel sleepy, I go to school on time. So, I start my day feeling ready.