



LINKING WORDS



grammar overview

"and"

You use "and" to combine two similar information together.

Examples:

1. I am tall and plump.
2. Susan likes Maths and Art.
3. He got up and got dressed.
4. Go and bring me the map.

"but"

You use "but" to combine two conflicting or opposing information together.

Examples:

1. Planes are fast and comfortable, but they are very scary.
2. It's nice, but short.

"or"

You use "or" to combine two options together.

Examples:

1. I want to buy a grey or a black car.
2. Do you like playing football or basketball?
3. Tea or coffee please?

"so"

You use "so" to say that the second information is the result of the first one.

Examples:

1. I am very tired so I'll sleep early today.
2. It is cold and windy so we are staying at home.

because - because of

You use "because" to tell the reason of something.
 You can also use "because of" to tell the reason of something but it's followed by a noun or a noun phrase.

1. Because I am very tired I'll sleep early today.
2. We are staying at home because the weather cold and windy.
3. I was late for work because of the heavy traffic.



FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH "AND-BUT-OR-SO- BECAUSE-BECAUSE OF"

1. He got off the bus, bought a newspaper _____ went into a cafe.
2. There was a little cat at the top of a tall tree _____ I called the rescue team.
3. I bought everything in the shopping list _____ I couldn't find any oranges.
4. She can buy a nice laptop _____ she can have a short holiday with the money she saved.
5. My father didn't come home yesterday evening _____ he had an important meeting.
6. I don't want to watch this film _____ I didn't like the plot of it.
7. Steven stays out late _____ spend time with his friends.
8. My mom doesn't let me go out _____ I haven't

- finished my homework yet.
9. Our teacher prepared a poster on environmental problems _____ hanged it on the bulletin board.
10. Rachel was quite wet _____ the heavy rain today.
11. I really liked the new mobile phone on the window of the shop _____ I bought it.
12. _____ the high oil prices, I can't use my car often.
13. Nancy is a good friend _____ sometimes she can be very pessimistic about her future.
14. You can have pudding _____ ice-cream after meal.
15. She has got a nice expensive piano _____ she doesn't know how to play it.
16. The security guard said "Stop _____ I'll shoot you" _____ the robber went on running.
17. I've got a terrible headache _____ I can't come to the theatre with you.
18. Do you want milk _____ fruit juice for breakfast?

19. A lot of people are protesting the government _____ the high taxes.
20. _____ there was a snake in the school garden, the students were screaming.
21. Don't forget to take your umbrella with you _____ you will be soaked.
22. Stop wasting your time with that computer game _____ study for your exam.
23. Marilyn wants to give up eating fast food _____ she is overweight.
24. Sharon wants to look well and be healthy _____ does exercises every morning.
25. I think we have to sell the company _____ the bad economic conditions.





COORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS



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13. Mrs. Cunningham had enough money to buy a new car ____ she couldn't decide which one to choose.
14. The students decided not to go out in the break ____ it was snowing heavily.
15. The thief went into the house from the kitchen window ____ got the mobile phone on the table.
16. Most shampoos include chemicals in them ____ I prefer using natural olive oil soap for my hair.
17. Stop drinking too much coke and eating a lot of fast food ____ you gain too much weight soon.
18. There were some injured players in our football team ____ we could win the match easily.
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20. Benjamin fell asleep in a few minutes ____ the book he started reading was quite boring.
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6

I'm going to the concert on Saturday _____ I can listen to my favourite singer.

7

Mrs.Hills will buy candles and a flash light _____ there is an electricity cut.

8

I want to buy a microwave _____ I can heat food in a very short time.

9

You should get the doctor's phone number _____ you need to telephone him.

10

Lucy bought some flour and eggs _____ she can make a cake for the guests.

11

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12

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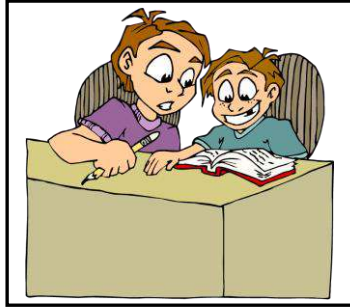
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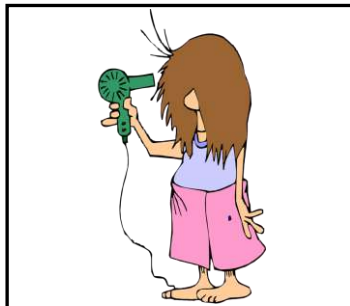
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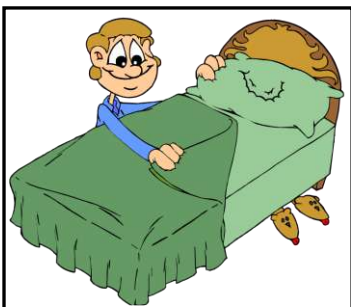
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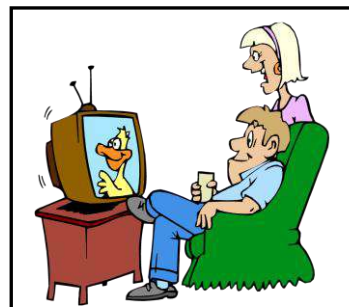
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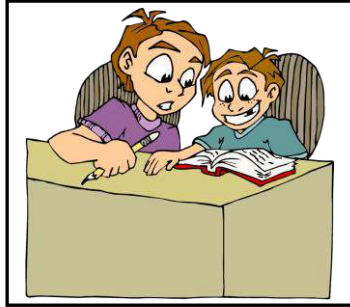
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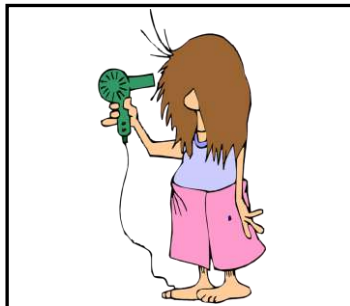
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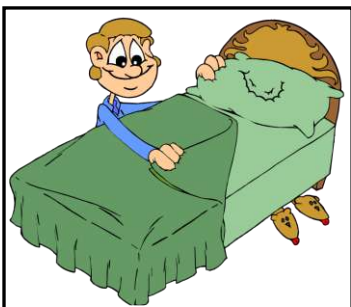
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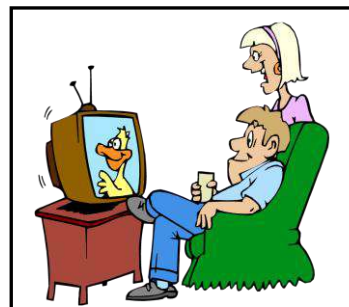
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AND-BUT-SO-BECAUSE MULTIPLE CHOICE QUIZ

1. I visited my dentist last Tuesday _____ I had a terrible toothache.

- a) and
- b) but
- c) so
- d) because



2. The weather is always sunny _____ hot in summer in Turkey.

- a) and
- b) but
- c) so
- d) because



3. It was freezing this morning _____ Mr.Lerrington wore his scarf and vest.

- a) and
- b) but
- c) so
- d) because



4. Carol studied hard for the maths test _____ she couldn't get a good mark.

- a) and
- b) but
- c) so
- d) because



5. Linda went to the supermarket _____ she forgot to buy apples.

- a) and
- b) but
- c) so
- d) because



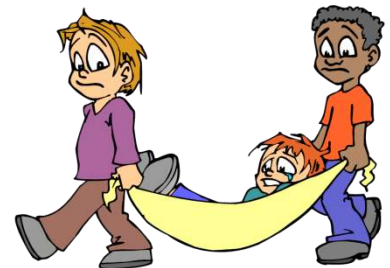
6. The businessman felt furious _____ the bill was very expensive.

- a) and
- b) but
- c) so
- d) because



7. Thomas fell down _____ injured his right leg.

- a) and
- b) but
- c) so
- d) because



8. The children wore their costumes _____ visited their neighbours.

- a) and
- b) but
- c) so
- d) because



9. Mr.Iron fell asleep in front of the computer _____ he was so tired.

- a) and
- b) but
- c) so
- d) because



10. I felt exhausted _____ I stopped cleaning the house.

- a) and
- b) but
- c) so
- d) because



11. Brian was late for work again
_____ his boss warned him.

- a) and
- b) but
- c) so
- d) because



12. Mr. Dowson waited for so long
_____ he couldn't catch any fish.

- a) and
- b) but
- c) so
- d) because



13. The businessman missed his flight
_____ he forgot to set his alarm clock.

- a) and
- b) but
- c) so
- d) because



14. Larry bought a big watermelon
_____ carried it home.

- a) and
- b) but
- c) so
- d) because



15. It was their mother's birthday
_____ the children made a cake.

- a) and
- b) but
- c) so
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16. My car broke down _____ I called
the mechanic.

- a) and
- b) but
- c) so
- d) because



17. Max started the race in the first place
_____ he couldn't finish it.

- a) and
- b) but
- c) so
- d) because



18. Marcus looked so pleased _____ he
and his wife had a baby.

- a) and
- b) but
- c) so
- d) because



19. Michael ate healthy food _____
did regular exercises to keep fit.

- a) and
- b) but
- c) so
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20. Mr. Wealth was a very rich man
_____ he never felt happy.

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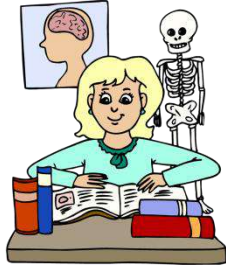
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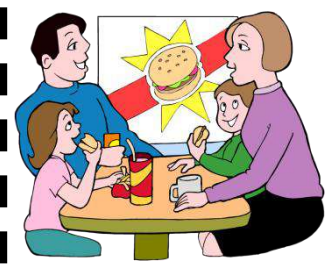
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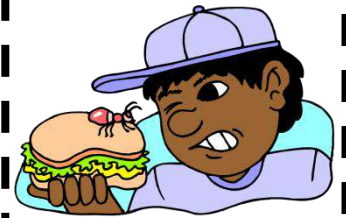
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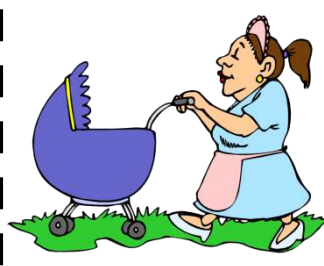
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David can't eat his sandwich _____ there is an ant walking on it.



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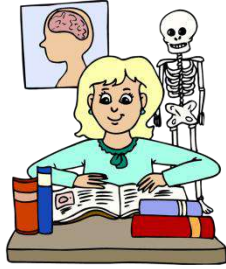
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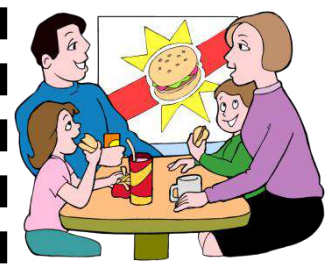
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