Topic: Connectives, Coordinating Conjunctions and Subordinating Conjunctions

1. Connectives

Connectives are words that join words, phrases or sentences together. They help us connect our ideas and make our sentences meaningful.

Connectives act like bridges. They connect our ideas.

Common connectives:

- And
- But
- Because
- So
- Although
- When
- If
- Before
- After

Coordinating conjunctions

Coordinating conjunctions are joining words that connect two words, phrases or sentences of equal importance.

In simple words, they join two ideas that can stand on their own.

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F – For **(**Gives a reason)

A – And **(**Adds information)

N – Nor **(**Adds a negative idea)

B – But **(**Shows contrast)

O – Or **(**Shows a choice)

Y – Yet **(**Shows contrast)

S – So **(**Shows a result)

Examples:

1. I like tea and coffee.
2. She was tired, but she kept studying.
3. Would you like juice or milk?
4. It was raining, so we stayed at home.
5. She did not call, nor did she send a message.
6. I wanted to play, yet I had homework.
7. I stayed quiet, for I was listening.

Subordinating conjunctions

Subordinating conjunctions are joining words that connect a dependent clause to an independent clause.

They join a complete idea with an incomplete idea to make one meaningful sentence.

Common subordinating conjunctions:

Conjunction	**Example**
Because	I slept early because I was tired.
Although	Although it was cold, we went outside.
When	Call me when you reach home.
If	You will succeed if you work hard.
Before	Wash your hands before you eat.
After	We played after we finished our work.
While	I listened while she was speaking.
Since	Since it was late, we went home.

Activity: Join the sentences

Join each pair using the conjunction given in brackets.

1. I was hungry. I ate an apple. (so)

   I was hungry, so I ate an apple.

2. Sara was ill. She went to school. (but)

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3. I stayed at home. It was raining. (because)

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4. Finish your homework. You can watch television. (before)

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5. She worked hard. She wanted to win. (because)

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6. You must hurry. You will miss the bus. (or)

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