Conjunctions

A **conjunction** is a word that connects words or groups of words to each other. Here are some common conjunctions:

- **and**
- **or**
- **but**
- **so**

These words are called **coordinating conjunctions** because they connect equal parts of a sentence.

When you want to join words or phrases together, use the conjunction **and**.

- Lisa **and** Miguel are coming with us.
- She went to the store **and** bought some new shoes.
- I did my homework, **and** I cleaned my room.

When a sentence has two things that are in conflict or that are opposites, use the conjunction **but**.

- We have a lot in common, **but** we do not like the same kind of music.
- I looked everywhere, **but** I could not find my pink sweater.

When one thing is a result of another, use the conjunction **so**.

- Uncle Kevin is coming to visit, **so** I have to get home early.
- Andrew lives across the street, **so** we go to the same school.

When there is a choice between two or more options, use the conjunction **or**.

- We can go to the movies **or** to the mall.
- Mrs. Smith **or** Mrs. Jones will go with the class.
Conjunctions Exercises

Choose the coordinating conjunction that best completes each sentence.

1. Mary ______ Joanne are my sisters.
   a. and
   b. or
   c. but
   d. so

2. I will study every night ______ I can pass the test.
   a. and
   b. or
   c. but
   d. so

3. The forecast is for rain, ________ we will go to the game anyway.
   a. and
   b. or
   c. but
   d. so

4. We can drive into the city, ________ we can take the bus.
   a. and
   b. or
   c. but
   d. so

5. He did not have enough money for a soda and chips, ________ he just bought a soda.
   a. and
   b. or
   c. but
   d. so
Conjunctions Exercises (cont’d)

6. I wanted to call you last night, ____________ my brother was on the phone.
   a. and
   b. or
   c. but
   d. so

7. Tim _______ Matt went to a basketball game with grandpa.
   a. and
   b. or
   c. but
   d. so

8. I can pick you up after school, ____________ you can walk home.
   a. and
   b. or
   c. but
   d. so

9. There was no food in the refrigerator, ____________ we ordered pizza.
   a. and
   b. or
   c. but
   d. so

10. I didn’t do all my chores, ____________ I did do my homework.
    a. and
    b. or
    c. but
    d. so
Conjunctions Answers

1. a
2. d
3. c
4. b
5. d
6. c
7. a
8. b
9. d
10. c