



Using Coordinating Conjunctions ¹

Level: Intermediate (B-Level)

Practice 5

Instructions. [Based on the whole unit](#) on coordinating conjunctions, combine each pair of sentences using the coordinating conjunction in parentheses. Make sure to use punctuation correctly.

Example 1. (so) We were hungry. We stopped to eat.

Your sentence: We were hungry, so we stopped to eat.

Example 2. (and) Katie broke her toy. She started crying.

Your sentence: Katie broke her toy and started crying.

When you are done, see “Answer Key” to check your answers.

1. (yet) These apples are sour. I can't stop eating them.

2. (or) You can use my pen. You can borrow a pencil from someone else.

3. (and yet) The government collects billions in taxes. Politicians say it cannot afford to fund the program.

4. (nor) Jack didn't do his homework. Jack did not study for the test.

5. (yet) Many people know sugary drinks are not good for me. They cannot stop drinking them.

6. (or) Do not forget to call Mary. She will be upset.

7. (or else) You'd better call me. I'll be upset with you.

8. (and) The teacher came in. He handed out the test.

9. (for) Congress must pass this legislation. People are suffering.

10. (so) People complained about the waiter. He was fired.



Answer Key

1. These apples are sour, yet I can't stop eating them. (*comma before "yet"*)
2. You can use my pen, or you can borrow a pencil from someone else. (*comma before "or"*)
You can use my pen or borrow a pencil from someone else. (*no comma before "or"*)
3. The government collects billions in taxes, and yet politicians say it cannot afford to fund the program. (*comma before "and yet"*)
4. Jack didn't do his homework, nor did he study for the test. (*comma before "nor," subject-verb inversion in second sentence*)
5. Many people know sugary drinks are not good for me, yet they cannot stop drinking them. (*comma before "yet"*)
6. Do not forget to call Mary, or else she will be upset. (*comma before "or"*)
7. You'd better call me, or else I'll be upset with you. (*comma before "or else"*)
8. The teacher came in and handed out the test. (*no comma before "and"*)
The teacher came in, and he handed out the test. (*also possible but unlikely; comma before "and"*)
9. Congress must pass this legislation, for people are suffering. (*comma before "for"*)
10. People complained about the waiter, so he was fired. (*comma before "so"*)

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