

How to

...join sentences using conjunctions

Conjunctions are 'joining words', used to join several ideas together to make one sentence. The ideas must be linked in meaning.

There are several types of conjunction. The box on the right shows some examples that might help you vary the words you use in your writing.

<u>CO-ORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS</u>						
<u>for</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>nor</u>	<u>but</u>	<u>or</u>	<u>yet</u>	<u>so</u>
<u>CORRELATIVE CONJUNCTIONS</u>						
<u>both</u>	<u>not only</u>	<u>either</u>	<u>neither</u>	<u>whether</u>		
<u>...and</u>	<u>...but also</u>	<u>...or</u>	<u>...nor</u>	<u>...or</u>		
<u>SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS</u>						
<u>TIME</u>	<u>CAUSE + EFFECT</u>	<u>OPPOSITION</u>	<u>CONDITION</u>			
<u>after</u>	<u>because</u>	<u>although</u>	<u>if</u>			
<u>before</u>	<u>since</u>	<u>though</u>	<u>unless</u>			
<u>when</u>	<u>now that</u>	<u>even though</u>	<u>only if</u>			
<u>while</u>	<u>as</u>	<u>whereas</u>	<u>whether or not</u>			
<u>since</u>	<u>in order that</u>	<u>while</u>	<u>even if</u>			
<u>until</u>	<u>so</u>		<u>in case (that)</u>			

Try this!

If you have access to the internet, try the useful exercises on these pages:

<http://www.better-english.com/grammar/conjunctions.htm>

<http://iteslj.org/cw/1/vm-conj.html>

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Combine each of the following groups of sentences into one sentence, using conjunctions. You may change the wording and order of the ideas.

Don't use and, but, so, then, therefore.

- 1 The florist arranged the wedding bouquet. It contained flowers of many different colours.
- 2 The letter was long. It was very badly written. I did not bother to read it.
- 3 Kevin worked hard. He deserved to succeed. He was always cheerful.
- 4 I went to the cupboard. I found the rubber gloves. I put the gloves on. I picked up the cleaning fluid.



More words that can be used as conjunctions

The words in the list below can be used to link and combine ideas into longer sentences.

Source: <http://www.virtualsalt.com/conjunct.htm>

Conjunctive adverbs	Relative pronouns and relative adjectives	Adverbs of time, place and sequence	Expletives (used for emphasis)
also hence however still likewise otherwise therefore conversely rather consequently furthermore nevertheless instead moreover then thus meanwhile accordingly	who whom whose whoever whomever which that what whichever whatever	earlier next lastly later before after then now soon here there today first second third fourth eventually tomorrow	of course indeed naturally after all in short I hope at least remarkably in fact I think it seems in brief clearly I suppose assuredly definitely to be sure without doubt for all that on the whole in any event importantly certainly naturally