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Basics. Basic Conjunctions: And, But, Or, So, Because

Easy | A2 | Elementary | Pre-intermediate | Clause | Comma | Complex sentence | Compound sentence | Conjunction | Coordination | Negation | Past tense

1. Complete the pet owner's warning notes for the weekend cat-sitter. Choose the best word for each gap.

You can feed Mr. Fluffles the chicken pate, _____ you can give him the salmon chunks if he is being picky. Just don't leave your socks on the bedroom floor _____ he will absolutely try to eat them!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) or
B) but
C) so

Blank 2

A) because
B) and
C) so

2. Choose the correct conjunctions to help the supervillain finish his evil (but slightly pathetic) retreat monologue.

I built a giant laser to destroy the moon, _____ I forgot to plug it in. The heroes are arriving in five minutes, _____ we need to run away immediately! Grab the secret blueprints, _____ pack my favorite coffee mug!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) but
B) so
C) because

Blank 2

A) so
B) or
C) because

Blank 3

A) and
B) because
C) or

3. Help Chef Pierre figure out what went wrong with his famous recipe! Select ALL the sentences that logically and grammatically explain the disaster.

Select all that apply.

A) The soup is too salty because I added too much soy sauce.
B) I added too much soy sauce, so the soup is too salty.
C) The soup is too salty, so I added too much soy sauce.
D) I added too much soy sauce because the soup is too salty.

4. Help the panicked roommate complete the sticky note about a missing pet hamster by choosing the correct words for the gaps.

I left the cage door open, _____ Sir Fluffs-a-Lot escaped. He might be hiding under the sofa, _____ he could be inside your favorite shoe. Please don't be mad at me _____ it was an honest mistake!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** so
- **B)** because
- **C)** but

Blank 2

- **A)** or
- **B)** and
- **C)** because

Blank 3

- **A)** because
- **B)** but
- **C)** so

5. Complete this student's frantic text message to her roommate by choosing the best word for each gap.

I missed the bus _____ my alarm didn't wake me up, _____ I am definitely going to be late for Professor Snape's chemistry lecture!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** because
- **B)** so
- **C)** but

Blank 2

- **A)** so
- **B)** because
- **C)** or

6. Help the messy roommate complete his text message with the correct excuse.

I didn't wash the dishes _____ my pet iguana was looking at me sadly.

Select one.

- **A)** so
- **B)** but
- **C)** because
- **D)** or

7. Review the travel agent's email to a very indecisive client. Select ALL the sentences that correctly use conjunctions to offer choices or combine features.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** We can fly to Paris, or we can take the train to Rome.
- **B)** The package includes your hotel stay and a daily breakfast.
- **C)** We can fly to Paris or we taking the train to Rome.
- **D)** The package includes your hotel stay, and or a daily breakfast.

8. Help the food critic finish her review of the bizarre new restaurant downtown. Select the correct option for each blank.

The tomato soup was served freezing cold, _____ it actually tasted completely delicious. For dessert, I ordered the chocolate cake _____ a large cup of green tea.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** but
- **B)** so
- **C)** or

Blank 2

- **A)** and
- **B)** but
- **C)** because

9. Read the student's wildly creative excuses to their professor. Select ALL the sentences that use conjunctions correctly to explain what happened.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I wrote the essay, but my cat deleted the file.
- **B)** I printed the assignment and placed it on your desk.
- **C)** I wrote the essay, but because my cat deleted the file.
- **D)** I printed the assignment, but and placed it on your desk.

10. Complete the teenager's text message to her best friend about a disastrous first date by choosing the correct conjunctions for the blanks.

He was thirty minutes late, _____ he didn't even apologize! I wanted to leave early, _____ my mom hadn't arrived to pick me up yet. I am never going out with him again _____ he is completely oblivious!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** and
- **B)** because
- **C)** or

Blank 2

- **A)** but
- **B)** so
- **C)** because

Blank 3

- **A)** because
- **B)** and
- **C)** or

11. Finish this very honest social media bio by choosing the right word.

I really want to be a morning person, _____ my bed is just way too comfortable at 6:00 AM.

Select one.

- **A)** and
- **B)** so
- **C)** but
- **D)** because

12. Complete the student's dramatic diary entry about a boring class.

The professor's voice was incredibly soothing, _____ I accidentally fell asleep and drooled on my textbook.

Select one.

- **A)** because
- **B)** so
- **C)** but
- **D)** or