

AND / BUT / OR / BECAUSE

A1 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Practice | 35-45 minutes

Learn and practise | Join ideas, give choices and explain reasons.

1. READ: Lunch at a cafe

Read the conversation. Notice the bold grammar forms.

Mia: Would you like tea **or** coffee, Ben?
Ben: Tea, please. I like coffee, **but** I don't want any now.
Mia: I'm having tea too. Do you want a sandwich?
Ben: Yes. I'm hungry **because** I didn't have breakfast.
Mia: I'll get a sandwich **and** an apple.
Ben: Good idea. Let's sit by the window.

2. GRAMMAR: Link words and ideas

Use these words to show how your ideas are connected.

Word	Use	Example
and	Add information	I like tea and coffee.
but	Show a contrast	I like tea, but not coffee.
or	Give a choice	Tea or coffee?
because	Give a reason	I eat because I'm hungry.

Join words: **tea and coffee**. Join sentences: **I cook and my sister washes up**.

Use because to answer why: **I walk because I live near the school**.

Keep the connection clear: **It's cold, but it's sunny**.

A. CHOOSE

Circle the word that fits the meaning.

1. Tea or / because coffee?
2. I'm tired because / or I work at night.
3. I like apples and / because bananas.
4. It's cold, but / because it's sunny.
5. Bus or / because train?
6. I'm late because / or the bus is late.
7. I can swim, but / because I can't ski.
8. She has a cat and / because a dog.

Read each answer aloud. Check the subject, the noun or the clue.

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Use it | Complete a context, write sentences and speak with a partner.

B. COMPLETE: A Saturday plan

Write and, but, or or because. Use each word twice.

Dan: Would you like to go to the park (1) _____ the museum?

Eva: The park, please. I want to go outside (2) _____ it's sunny.

Dan: Good idea. We can take sandwiches (3) _____ some water.

Eva: I'd like to walk, (4) _____ my foot hurts. Can we take the bus?

Dan: Of course. Do you want cheese (5) _____ chicken in your sandwich?

Eva: Chicken, please. I'll bring apples too.

Dan: Great. I've got a bag, (6) _____ it's too small for all the food.

Eva: We can use mine. I need a hat (7) _____ the sun is strong. I'll bring my hat (8) _____ my sunglasses.

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1-2: Join the sentences with the word in brackets.

Example: I like tea. I like coffee. (and) **I like tea and coffee.**

1. I can cook. I can't swim. (but)

2. I walk. I live near school. (because)

3-4: Join the ideas with the word in brackets. Example: Tea? Coffee? (or) **Tea or coffee?**

3. Would you like tea? Coffee? (or)

4. I have a bag. I have a coat. (and)

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU

Write three true sentences. Use and, but and because.

Example: **I like tea and coffee. I can swim, but I can't ski. I walk because I live nearby.**

E. SPEAK WITH A PARTNER

1. Ask: **Tea or coffee? What food do you like? How do you get to class?**

Give an answer with **and**, **but** or **because**.

2. Choose a weekend plan together. Explain your choice with **because**.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

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Ben: Yes. I'm hungry **because** I didn't have breakfast.

Mia: I'll get a sandwich **and** an apple.

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B. COMPLETE: A Saturday plan

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C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1. I can cook, but I can't swim.
2. I walk because I live near school.
3. Would you like tea or coffee?
4. I have a bag and a coat.

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU / E. SPEAK

Personal answers will vary. Check the target grammar.

Sample: I like tea and coffee. I can swim, but I can't ski. I walk because I live nearby.

Teacher note: Accept equivalent complete sentences in C, including repeated subjects. Evaluate whether the link word matches the intended relationship.