

AND / BUT / OR / BECAUSE

A1 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Question Practice | 20-30 minutes

Join ideas, give choices and explain simple reasons.

1. GET STARTED

Work with a partner. Take turns asking and answering. Use full sentences when you can.

A: Tea **or** coffee?

B: Tea, please. I like coffee, **but** I don't drink it at night.

A: Me neither, **because** I can't sleep afterwards.

2. YOUR CHOICES AND REASONS

1. Do you like tea **or** coffee?
2. What two foods do you like? Join them with **and**.
3. What food do you like, **but** your partner doesn't?
4. Why do you study English? Use **because**.
5. Do you prefer a quiet weekend **or** a busy weekend?
6. What's something you like **because** it's easy or fun?

Keep talking: Why? / What about you?

3. CONNECT YOUR IDEAS

Answer with and, but, or or because. Try to give more than one piece of information.

7. What do you do after work or school? Name two activities.
8. What can you do well? What can't you do well?
9. Where do you like going? Why?
10. What's a good choice for lunch: a sandwich or soup? Why?

4. PLAN AN EVENING TOGETHER

Choose food and an activity for an evening together. Offer choices and give reasons.

Use all four joining words in your conversation.

Example: Pizza **or** pasta? / Pasta, **because** it's easy to cook.

I like pizza too, **but** we haven't got any cheese.

Answer help: I like ... and ... / I ..., but ... / ... or ...? / ... because ...

Remember: and adds an idea; but contrasts; or gives a choice; because gives a reason.