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Connectors

And, But, Or, So



Bernardo doesn't have a car, so he takes a bus to school.

Connecting Adjectives, Nouns, and Verbs

Examples: My car is big but slow.

We go to the beach or to the mountains every summer.

In the morning, she drinks coffee and reads the newspaper.

Connecting Sentences

Examples: Trees are beautiful, and they also produce oxygen.

She's rich, but she doesn't live in a big house.

He is sick, so he is staying in bed.

On Saturday morning, I go shopping, or I do my laundry.

Punctuation

Note comma use in the examples above.

Adjective/Noun/Verb and/or/but Adjective/Noun/Verb

Examples: Grammar is necessary but sometimes difficult.
Felipe and Rafael look like their mother.
In the evening, he watches TV or listens to music.

Subject + Verb, and/but/or/so Subject + Verb

Examples: Sophia's grandparents are from Italy, but she does not speak Italian.
They go to bed very late, so they are often tired.
On Sundays, I call my children, or they call me.

Exercise 1: Dictation

Write the sentences your teacher reads. Use correct punctuation.

1. Hong Kong is part of China, so people from Hong Kong
speak Chinese.

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Discuss

- What other language do many people in Hong Kong speak?
- Who in your family does not speak English?
- Do you have children or brothers or sisters? Do they speak English?
- What other languages do students in your home country study?
- Do you usually have homework? How long do you study every evening?

Exercise 2

Circle the correct words. Check punctuation.

1. Some people (eat eats are eat) a lot of (meat but meat, but) too much meat (is not does not no is) good for your health.
2. Mr. Garcia (is has) 79 years (old , old old,) and he (no is is not do not) very healthy.
3. My (roommate roommates roommate's) eyes (isn't aren't) very good, (but so) she (is wear wear wears) glasses.
4. She (drinks never never drinks) milk, (so or but) (she her your) bones (no are do not are not) strong.
5. For dessert, eat some fruit, like (a an) apple (or , or) a banana, not cake.

Discuss

- a. Is everyone in your family healthy?
- b. Do you have good eyes and ears?
- c. Do you drink much milk?
- d. Do you have a favorite kind of meat?
- e. What do you like for dessert?

Exercise 3

Fix any mistakes. Check for grammar and punctuation.

1. Small cars not have big engines so it do not use much gasoline.
2. Big cars fast but, they use a lot a gasoline.
3. Small cars are cheap to drive, and they do not pollute like big cars.
4. Both my father and mother have a small cars.
5. Small cars are not expensive. So many people like them.

Discuss

- a. Do you have a car?
- b. If yes, is your car big, small, or mid-sized?
- c. What kinds of cars do you like? Why do you like them?

Exercise 4

Complete the sentences. Add and change words when necessary.

1. Computers are important in many jobs, and _____ (be) easy to use.
2. A new computer can be expensive, but _____ (there / be) cheap computers too.
3. Some people don't like computers, so _____ (not have) them in their homes.
4. Computers are difficult for some adults, but _____ (you / never too old) to learn something new.

Exercise 5

Complete the sentences. Then combine them.

1. Fuyuko (name) is very nice.
She (pronoun) is (be) also intelligent.
Fuyuko is very nice, and she is also intelligent.
2. _____ (name) is a good student.
_____ (pronoun) sometimes _____ (come) to class late.
3. _____ (name) studies a lot.
_____ (pronoun) always _____ (get) good grades.
4. _____ (name) and _____ (name) are friends.
They _____ (not speak) the same language.
5. _____ (name) doesn't cook well.
_____ (pronoun) often _____ (eat) in restaurants.

Exercise 6

Write sentences. Remember to punctuate correctly.

1. the Sahara Desert / be / big desert / Africa

2. not rain / much in the Sahara Desert / so / very dry

3. there / not many animal / tree / plant / the Sahara Desert

4. some people / live / there / but / their life / be not easy

Exercise 7

Complete the questions and write answers. Use a connector in each answer. Then discuss with a partner.

1. When do you usually go _____ to bed?
(you usually / go)

I usually go to bed at 11:00, but sometimes I go to bed at 12:00 or 1:00.

2. Where _____ dinner?
(you usually / eat)

3. _____ large, small, or medium-sized?
(your home)

4. What time _____ ?
(class / usually end)

5. What _____ in the evening?
(you usually / do)

6. _____ to exercise?
(you / like)

Exercise 8

Write complete sentences. Use correct punctuation.

1. My first language / so

2. My favorite food / but

3. My friends like / and they

4. On the weekend, I usually / or my friends and I

5. This city is / so

6. My family is / and

7. My / but my

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Past Tense



He didn't go to the party last night because he was sick.

Past Tense of Regular Verbs: verb + -ed

Examples: talk—talked
show—showed

Negative Past Tense: *did not/didn't* + verb

Examples: did not talk (or) didn't talk
did not have (or) didn't have

Questions: *did* + subject + verb

Examples: Did you eat?
Where did you go?

Short Answers

Examples: Yes, I did.

No, you didn't.

Yes, he did.

No, they didn't.

Past Tense of Some Irregular Verbs

Present	Past
buy	bought
come	came
cost	cost
do	did
eat	ate
get	got
give	gave
go	went
have	had
leave	left
put	put
read	read
say	said
see	saw
take	took
write	wrote

Past Tense of the Verb *Be*

Present	Past	Negative	Question
I am	I was	I was not	Was I . . . ?
you are	you were	you were not	Were you . . . ?
he/she/it is	he/she/it was	he/she/it was not	Was he . . . ?
we are	we were	we were not	Were we . . . ?
you are	you were	you were not	Were you . . . ?
they are	they were	they were not	Were they . . . ?

Some Past Time Expressions

in 1965

last week

3 months ago

Exercise 1: Dictation

Listen to your teacher. Write the sentences.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Exercise 2

Circle the correct answers.

1. Yesterday, the teacher (says said), "Your tests (was were) very good."
2. (The last Last) night, I (was not eat did not eat did not ate) dinner because I (am not was not did not) hungry.
3. (Do you Did you were you) (go went) shopping last weekend?
4. Why (he was was he) so quiet yesterday? Because he (has had was) (headache a headache).

Discuss

- a. What did you eat for dinner last night?
- b. Did you go shopping last weekend? What did you buy?
- c. Did you have a headache yesterday? Do you often have headaches?

Exercise 3

Fix any mistakes.

1. My parents give me new car for my last birthday.
2. She look for a apartment last weekend, but she didn't found anything.
3. In 1776, there were only 13 American states, but now there are 50.
4. Where you put the cars keys yesterday? I leaved them on the table.
5. Oh, sorry! I was write the wrong date in my check.

Exercise 4

Complete the sentences. Use the verbs in the box.

be	be	eat	not have	play
be	drive	listen	not read	walk

1. Last night, I _____ dinner early because I _____ hungry.
2. When we _____ young, we _____ to school, but now we _____ our cars.
3. He _____ the paper because he _____ time.
4. They _____ soccer last Saturday, so on Sunday they _____ tired.
5. _____ you _____ to the radio last night?

Discuss

- a. What time do you usually have dinner? What time did you eat yesterday?
- b. How did you go to school when you were young?
- c. Do you usually read the paper? Did you read today's paper?
- d. What sport did you play when you were young?

Exercise 5

Fill in the blanks.

1. My parents _____ (get) married when they _____ (be) young.
2. I _____ (not do) the homework last night.
3. Last week, two students _____ (come) to class late, and one student _____ (be) absent.
4. Every morning, my friend _____ (make) bread.
5. When I _____ (be) young, my family _____ (not have) a dog.

Exercise 6

Write sentences or questions. Add and change words when necessary.

1. last Monday / they / wait / long time / the doctor's office.

2. where / you / get / your watch?

3. who / write / *Romeo and Juliet*?

4. United States / buy / Alaska / from Russia / many years ago.

5. she always / take / shower / before / she / go / work.

6. last weekend / I / go / the beach / with my friends.

7. I / not / go / my friend / party / last night

8. no one / my family / speak English / when I / be / child.

Discuss

- When was your last visit to the doctor?
- Did you read *Romeo and Juliet*? If yes, when?
- Did you know that Russia once owned Alaska?
- What did you do last weekend?
- When did you last go to the beach?
- When you were young, did anyone speak English in your home?

Exercise 7

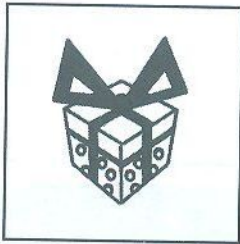
Look at the pictures. Complete the questions. Then write complete answers.



1. When _____ (you / go) to bed last night?



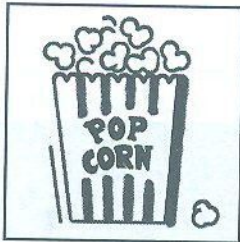
2. How much _____ (your book / cost) ?



3. What _____ (you / get) for your last birthday?



4. Where _____ (you / be) yesterday at 7 p.m.?



5. _____ (you / see) a movie last week?



6. Where _____ (you / grow up) ?

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Can and Will

I can't finish now. I will do this tomorrow.

Meaning

can = ability/permission

will = future

Form: can/will + verb

Examples: She can speak English.

I will call you tomorrow.

Contractions with will

I will = I'll

you will = you'll

he will = he'll

we will = we'll

they will = they'll

Example: I will call you. = I'll call you.

Negatives and Negative Contractions

cannot = can't

will not = won't

Examples: You cannot do that. (or) You can't do that.
They will not buy the books. (or) They won't buy the books.

Question: *Can/will* + subject + verb

Examples: Can she speak Japanese?
Will you have time next week?

Short Answers

Examples: Yes, she can. (or) No, she cannot. (or) No, she can't.
Yes, we will. (or) No, we will not. (or) No, we won't.

Will + Verb *be* + Adjective

Example: I will be busy next week.

Some Future Time Words

tomorrow
next month
this weekend
in three weeks

Exercise 1: Dictation

Listen to your teacher. Write the sentences.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Discuss

- a. Can you play soccer?
- b. Where will you be next year?
- c. Do you have a picture of your family?
- d. When are your classes finished today?

Exercise 2

Circle the correct words.

1. Many (people peoples) in the world (can are can) (speak to speak) two (language languages).
2. My brother (no can cannot) (drive to drive drives) a car because (is he is) too young.
3. When (you will will you have to have be have) some free time?
4. (Maria Marias Maria's) plane (arrive was arrive arrived) late (last night the last night), so today she (will tired will be tired).
5. Why (you can't can't you) (go to go) (at in to) the party with me?

Discuss

- a. How many languages can you speak?
- b. Can anyone in your family speak two or three languages?
- c. At what age can a person get a driver's license in the U.S.?
- d. When did you last fly on an airplane?

Exercise 3

Fix any mistakes.

1. When you will be back?
2. They can't to get married until the next year.
3. In 50 years, the world will very different.
4. Why can't he get a job?
5. Can you to help me, please?
6. On this weekend, we won't has many free time.

Discuss

- a. What will be one change in the world in the future?
- b. How will your life be different next year?
- c. Will this class help you get a job, or help you in your job?
- d. Will you be busy this weekend?

Exercise 4

Complete the questions. Then write answers.

1. _____ very well?
(you / can cook)
2. How old _____ in the year 2025?
(you / be)
3. Where _____ 5 years from now?
(you / be)
4. In the future, _____ in this city?
(you / stay)
5. What _____ well?
(your classmates / can do)

Exercise 5

Complete the sentences.

1. He _____,
so next summer he _____ swimming lessons.
(can / not / swim) (take)
2. Maybe in the year 2050, there _____ flying cars.
(be)
3. My friend _____ usually late, so tomorrow he probably
_____ on time.
(be) (not be)
4. Why _____ me last night?
(you / not / call)
5. _____ me tomorrow?
(you / call)

Discuss

- a. Can you swim? If yes, how well can you swim?
- b. Are you usually on time or late?
- c. Did anyone call you last night?

Exercise 6

Write sentences. Add and change words when necessary.

1. don't / late / tomorrow / or the teacher / not / happy

2. where / you / be / this time next year?

3. why / we / can't buy / new car?

4. we / not have / enough money / for a new car

5. it / not snow / last night / so we can / not ski / today

Exercise 7

Complete the sentences. Write about people you know.

1. _____ can _____ very well.

2. _____ and _____ cannot _____
because _____.

3. Tomorrow, _____ won't _____ because _____.

4. In the year 2020, _____ will probably be _____
because _____.

5. Can _____ ?

6. Will _____ ?

Exercise 8

Write complete sentences. Use the words given and your own ideas.

1. My friend cannot / because

2. The teacher can / because

3. I won't / because

4. Many people in my home country can't / because

5. Next weekend, I won't / because

6. One hundred years from now

7. My classmates can / and they

8. Next year, we
