

KS2 English Quiz - Connectives / Conjunctions 01 (Questions)

This KS2 English quiz takes a look at connectives and conjunctions. Connectives and conjunctions are used to join ideas together. Using lots of simple sentences sounds choppy. Here's an example: 'I like toast. I really like toast with butter. I really like toast with honey. I don't like cold toast.' It would be much better to write: 'I like toast, especially with butter and honey, but I don't like it when it's cold.' Conjunctions, such as 'especially', 'and', 'but' and 'when', join ideas within a sentence. Connectives link ideas between different sentences.

When writing, try to use conjunctions and don't just stick with 'and' all the time. Using conjunctions will bring your writing to life and enable it to flow more naturally.

Try to spot the connectives and conjunctions in this English quiz.

1. Read the sentence and find the connectives and conjunctions.

We bought some new clothes and we saw a film.



- bought
- new
- and
- saw

2. Read the sentence and find the connectives and conjunctions.

I wanted to play basketball, but everyone else wanted to play cricket.



- I
- but
- to
- cricket

3. Read the sentence and find the connectives and conjunctions.

He began to feel hungry, so he decided to make a sandwich.



- so
- he
- make
- a

4. Read the sentence and find the connectives and conjunctions.

I was feeling bored because all of my friends were on holiday.



- was
- bored
- because
- on

5. Read the sentence and find the connectives and conjunctions.

My uncle is an expert at chess, whereas I am only a beginner.



- My
- an
- at
- whereas

6. Read the sentence and find the connectives and conjunctions.

We were tired when the train finally arrived.



- We
- when
- train
- arrived

7. Read the sentence and find the connectives and conjunctions.

As well as cycling, Helen enjoys playing badminton on her day off.



- As well as
- enjoys
- on
- off

8. Read the sentence and find the connectives and conjunctions.

We could always play a board game if the rain doesn't stop.



- always
- play
- if
- stop

9. Read the sentence and find the connectives and conjunctions.

We thought the cave was too dark to explore. The dog, however, had other ideas.



- thought
- too
- to
- however

10. Read the sentence and find the connectives and conjunctions.

You should wait for the glue to dry. Then you can begin the painting.



- should
- wait
- Then
- begin

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1. Read the sentence and find the connectives and conjunctions.

We bought some new clothes and we saw a film.



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'And' is one of the most common conjunctions - here it joins two simple sentences to make a compound sentence.

3. Read the sentence and find the connectives and conjunctions.

He began to feel hungry, so he decided to make a sandwich.



- so
- he
- make
- a

'So' expresses the cause-and-effect relationship between feeling hungry and deciding to make a sandwich.

2. Read the sentence and find the connectives and conjunctions.

I wanted to play basketball, but everyone else wanted to play cricket.



- I
- but
- to
- cricket

'But' is used to contrast two ideas.

4. Read the sentence and find the connectives and conjunctions.

I was feeling bored because all of my friends were on holiday.



- was
- bored
- because
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'Because' shows a cause-and-effect relationship between ideas.

5. Read the sentence and find the connectives and conjunctions.
My uncle is an expert at chess, whereas I am only a beginner.



- My
- an
- at
- whereas

'Whereas' is used to contrast ideas.

7. Read the sentence and find the connectives and conjunctions.
As well as cycling, Helen enjoys playing badminton on her day off.



- As well as
- enjoys
- on
- off

Here the simple sentences being joined would be: Helen enjoys playing badminton on her day off. Helen enjoys cycling on her day off.

6. Read the sentence and find the connectives and conjunctions.
We were tired when the train finally arrived.



- We
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This sounds much better than 'We were tired. The train finally arrived.'

8. Read the sentence and find the connectives and conjunctions.
We could always play a board game if the rain doesn't stop.



- always
- play
- if
- stop

If is a common conjunction.

9. Read the sentence and find the connectives and conjunctions.
We thought the cave was too dark to explore. The dog, however, had other ideas.



- thought
- too
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- however

'However' is a connective. It connects the ideas in these two sentences. Using connectives in this way helps your writing to flow smoothly.

10. Read the sentence and find the connectives and conjunctions.
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The conjunction 'then' is useful for sequencing ideas in time: 'first', 'then', 'after that' and 'finally' are used in this way.