

Conjunctions

What are conjunctions?

Conjunctions are words that join words or parts of sentences. You might also hear them called connectives.

Can you think of any conjunctions?

And, but, or, because, if, that, when

Can you think of any sentences using these conjunctions?

Sentences with conjunctions

Read these sentences.

The girls were climbing every Saturday. They loved it. It was hard. They were getting stronger. They were beginning to find it easier. They always wore trainers. They were the most comfortable shoes.

Now read the same sentences, joined with conjunctions.

The girls went climbing every Saturday **and** they loved it. It was hard **but** they were getting stronger, **so** they were beginning to find it easier. They always wore trainers **because** they were the most comfortable shoes.

Can you see how the conjunctions link the ideas together? They make the sentences easier to read because the words flow together better.

Questions

Write down
which
conjunction
you think fits
each sentence.

1. Susie would get a gold medal **when / if / that / because** she could win the race.
2. The dog was digging a big hole **when / if / that / because** he wanted to bury his bone.
3. I promised my dad **when / if / that / because** I would tidy my room.
4. We have to line up **when / if / that / because** playtime is over.
5. Ben promised to eat all his food **when / if / that / because** his mum made pasta.
6. You can watch television **when / if / that / because** you have done your homework.
7. Jim told the teacher **when / if / that / because** he was going to be late tomorrow.
8. Sarah had a drink **when / if / that / because** she was very thirsty.