

Conjunctions: and, but, or, because, so

Introduction



We have beef **and** pork today **but** no fish.

Definition

And, but, or, and so are **conjunctions**.

Construction

They join two parts of a sentence:<?xml:namespace prefix = "o" ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />

I have two sons	and	one daughter.
I like dogs	but	I don't like cats.
Do you prefer tea	or	coffee?
We're not going out today	because	it's raining.
It's raining	so	we're not going out today.

Uses

We use them to add some extra information. <?xml:namespace prefix = "o" ns = "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />

Conjunction	Use	Examples
and	To join two or more pieces of information - it suggests 'also'	I live in Paris and I work in a bank. We need bread, cheese and wine.
but	To join two contrasting ideas	I'm busy today but I'm free tomorrow.
or	To join two or more pieces of information in a negative sentence To join two possibilities	I don't like wine or beer. We don't have any apples, oranges or bananas. We can finish this today or tomorrow.
because	To give a reason	I'm having lunch early today because I have a meeting this afternoon.
so	To add a consequence or a result	I have a meeting this afternoon so I'm having lunch early today.

Examples



In Canada, they speak English **and** French.



"I'm not available on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday."

"Well, I'm free on Monday but not Tuesday."



You can pay now or when you leave.



I'm not buying this because I don't like the colour.



It's sunny today so we're having a barbecue.

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