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: />

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 because it's raining.

today

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	I don't like wine or beer.
	sentence	We don't have any apples, oranges or bananas.
	To join two possibilities	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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