



Conjunction

A conjunction is a word that joins two words or clauses. e.g and, because, that, until etc.

- (i) You must hurry **otherwise** you will get late.
- (ii) The boy **and** the girl were pulling each other.

Some important conjunctions and their uses

1. **And** joins two words or clauses of same nature.
e.g. Mohan **and** his friend are fighting.
2. **But** joins two words or clauses of opposite nature.
e.g. He is poor **but** healthy.
3. **Because** joins the clause with reason.
e.g. She is upset **because** she has failed.
4. **So** joins the clause that tells result
e.g. I had no money **so** I could not help him.
5. **If** joins that clause that represents condition.
e.g. **If** he does not study, he will not pass.
6. **Unless** joins the clause that represents condition in negative form.
e.g. **Unless** you earn money, you cannot buy new dress.
7. **Until** joins the clause that tells the extent of time.
e.g. **Until** he came back, I kept talking to his father.
8. **Though/Although** joins the clause that represents opposite idea.
e.g. **Though** he was absent, he scored the highest marks.
9. **So that** joins the clause that expresses the intended result of something.
e.g. He runs fast **so that** he may reach on time.
10. **As soon as/Just as** joins the clause that shows sudden reaction of an activity.
e.g. **As soon as** I touched him, he started screaming with pain.
11. **That** joins the clause that provides information.
e.g. He knows **that** I am against him.
12. **After** joins the clause that expresses an action after other action.
e.g. He ate all the food **after** we had gathered.
13. **Before** joins the clause that expresses an action before other action.
e.g. He had hidden my pen **before** I entered the class.
14. **Neither nor** join two words refusing the both.
e.g. **Neither** he **nor** I am guilty.
15. **Either or** join two words selecting any one
e.g. He will **either** eat mango **or** drink its juice.
16. **Both and** join two words of some nature.
e.g. **Both** Suresh **and** Ramesh will dance.
17. **Not only, but also** join two words or sentences adding extra information.
e.g. She **not only** studies **but also** earns a lot of money.

Practice Exercise

Directions (Q. Nos. 1-30) *Fill in the blanks with suitable coordinating conjunctions from the options given.*

1. She is noble _____ kind too.
(a) therefore (b) so that
(c) and (d) or
2. We eat _____ we remain healthy.
(a) as soon as (b) so that
(c) still (d) otherwise
3. Raja is poor _____ he is honest.
(a) but (b) therefore
(c) so that (d) or
4. The Sun rose _____ the fog disappeared.
(a) still (b) and
(c) as soon as (d) so
5. _____ she saw the tiger, she shouted.
(a) So that (b) Still
(c) As soon as (d) As well as
6. Work hard, _____ you will fail.
(a) unless (b) since
(c) so that (d) otherwise
7. Thomas worked very hard, _____ he did not stand first.
(a) therefore (b) and
(c) yet (d) so that
8. She must cry _____ she will die. He _____ his brother has committed the crime.
(a) or, or (b) so, as well as
(c) otherwise, and (d) as soon as, and
9. The box was heavy; _____ he could not lift it.
(a) still (b) so
(c) so that (d) therefore
10. He has been ill _____ he reached Mumbai.
(a) since (b) and
(c) therefore (d) as soon as
11. Hema Malini is a graceful dancer people enjoy watching her.
(a) or (b) nor
(c) and (d) but
12. Did Lalit call you in the afternoon in the evening?
(a) but (b) nor
(c) yet (d) or
13. Other actors try to imitate Amitabh's style of acting, they have not succeeded.
(a) and (b) yet
(c) for (d) so
14. Salman is talented, he will attract fans for many years to come.
(a) nor (b) for
(c) yet (d) so
15. Sachin didn't take any coaching, did he need to.
(a) nor (b) or
(c) but (d) yet
16. Chris Gayle's batting technique is unconventional, the effect is striking.
(a) for (b) but
(c) nor (d) or
17. Spectators love to watch football, it is a very fast game.
(a) yet (b) but
(c) for (d) or
18. Parul lost her balance on the stool, she did not fall.
(a) and (b) so
(c) or (d) but
19. Dhoni is such a player that can fill an audience with joy..... he can bring people to tears.
(a) for (b) so
(c) but (d) and

- 20.** Satish didn't want help, did he ask for it.
(a) but (b) nor (c) yet (d) so
- 21.** Pradeep Suresh wants to lose, as they are very competitive.
(a) Both, and (b) Neither, nor
(c) Not, but (d) Whether, or
- 22.** Sarita is fond of animals Rubina is.
(a) whether, or (b) not, but
(c) as, as (d) both, and
- 23.** does our teacher encourage us to work hard, she praises us when we succeed.
(a) Not only, but also (b) Either, or
(c) Whether, or (d) Not, but
- 24.** Alok will become an engineer a lawyer, he's not sure yet.
(a) Whether, or (b) Neither, nor
(c) Both, and (d) Not only, but also
- 25.** Kapil is very athletic in build, his brother is.
(a) both, and (b) not, but
(c) whether, or (d) either, nor
- 26.** Every term, Madhu Manju do very well in class.
(a) not, but (b) both, and
(c) whether, or (d) either, or
- 27.** my brother my sister are doctors.
(a) Whether, or (b) Not, but
(c) Both, and (d) Not, and
- 28.** Last month, did Vijay get the first position in class, he won the 'Best Athlete Award'.
(a) both, and (b) not, but
(c) whether, or (d) not only, but also
- 29.** Shakeel Vinod are weak students.
(a) Whether, or (b) Both, and
(c) Not, but (d) Not, and
- 30.** my sister I want to attend Dinesh's birthday party, as we don't like him.
(a) Either, or
(b) Not, but
(c) Neither, nor
(d) Whether, or

Answers

1	(c)	2	(b)	3	(a)	4	(b)	5	(c)	6	(d)	7	(c)	8	(a)	9	(b)	10	(c)
11	(c)	12	(d)	13	(b)	14	(d)	15	(a)	16	(b)	17	(c)	18	(d)	19	(d)	20	(b)
21	(b)	22	(c)	23	(a)	24	(a)	25	(b)	26	(b)	27	(c)	28	(d)	29	(b)	30	(c)