Mini-lesson 42: Conjunctions – *And, But, Because, So*

🎯 Objective:

To help you understand and correctly use the coordinating conjunctions **and**, **but**, **because**, and **so** to connect ideas in a sentence.

📘 Explanation:

Conjunctions are words that connect words, phrases, or clauses. Let's look at four common ones:

✅ AND – adds similar ideas

- I like coffee **and** tea.
- She's kind **and** funny.

✅ BUT – shows contrast (difference)

- I'm tired, **but** I can help.
- He likes pizza, **but** not pasta.

✅ BECAUSE – gives a reason

- I stayed home **because** I was sick.
- She's happy **because** she passed the test.

✅ SO – shows a result

- I was hungry, **so** I ate a sandwich.
- He studied a lot, **so** he did well.

🧠 Notes:

- **And/But** connect two equal ideas.
- **Because** explains *why*.
- **So** explains *what happened as a result*.

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✍️ **Practice 1: Choose the correct conjunction.**

1. I wanted to go out, _____ it started raining.
   a) and
   b) so
   c) but

2. She's smart _____ works hard.
   a) but
   b) so
   c) and

3. We stayed home _____ it was snowing.
   a) because
   b) so
   c) and

4. He was tired, _____ he went to bed early.
   a) but
   b) so
   c) because

5. I love apples _____ I don't like bananas.
   a) so
   b) but
   c) because

6. They were cold, _____ they wore jackets.
   a) and
   b) because
   c) so

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✍ **Practice 2: Complete the sentences with and, but, because, or so.**

1. She likes cats _____ dogs.

2. I didn't go to the party _____ I was busy.

3. He wanted to watch TV, _____ his sister wanted to read.

4. It was hot, _____ we went to the beach.

5. I'm learning English _____ I want to travel.

6. They brought sandwiches _____ drinks.

✍ **Practice 3: Write your own sentences using each conjunction.**

1. and ➜ _____

2. but ➜ _____

3. because ➜ _____

4. so ➜ _____

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✅ Answer Key

Practice 1:

1. **c) but**
2. **c) and**
3. **a) because**
4. **b) so**
5. **b) but**
6. **c) so**

Practice 2:

1. **and**
2. **because**
3. **but**
4. **so**
5. **because**
6. **and**

Practice 3: *(answers will vary)*

Examples:

1. I like pizza **and** pasta.
2. She is tall **but** he is short.
3. I'm tired **because** I didn't sleep.
4. He missed the bus, **so** he walked to school.