

# Conjunction

## Correlative Conjunction

Consider the following sentences:

1. Switch off the TV **and** do your homework.
2. The night is dark **but** the sun will rise soon.
3. The treasure is hidden at the beach **or** by the lake.
4. Vivek **and** Sumit are good friends.

In sentences 1 and 2, the words '**and**' and '**but**' join together two clauses or sentences. In sentence 3, the word '**or**' joins together two phrases.

In sentence 4, the word '**and**' joins together two words in the same clause.

The coloured words in these sentences are conjunctions.



### Definition

A **Conjunction** is a word that joins words, phrases or sentences.

Conjunctions join together sentences and often make them more compact; thus,

'Gaurav is a clever student. Manu is a clever student.'

'Gaurav **and** Manu are clever students.'

(a short way of

saying) Conjunctions which are used in pairs are called **correlative conjunctions** or **correlatives**. Some conjunctions are used only in pairs; as,

<b>not only</b> —	<b>but also</b>	He is <b>not only</b> a good violinist <b>but also</b> an adept music composer.
<b>neither</b> —	<b>nor</b>	She is <b>neither</b> naughty <b>nor</b> eccentric.
<b>either</b> —	<b>or</b>	<b>Either</b> eat the pudding <b>or</b> keep it in the fridge.
<b>though</b> —	<b>yet</b>	<b>Though</b> he is unwell, <b>yet</b> he is cheerful. Success
<b>both</b> —	<b>and</b>	demands <b>both</b> effort <b>and</b> focus.
<b>whether</b> —	<b>or</b>	Tell me <b>whether</b> you will help me <b>or</b> not.

When conjunctions are used as correlatives, each of the correlated words should be placed immediately before the words to be connected; as,

The ship **not only** carried passengers **but also** cargo. (Incorrect)

The ship carried **not only** passengers **but also** cargo. (Correct)

Correlative conjunctions are used to join-

- a noun to another noun/pronoun
- a verb to another verb
- an adverb to another adverb
- a subject to another subject
- an object to another object
- an adjective to another adjective
- a complement to another complement

You can neither **sing** nor **dance**.

2 verbs

She is not only **rich** but also **famous**.

2 adjectives

He is both a **statesman** and **scientist**.

2 complements

We use many compound expressions as conjunctions; as,

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| so that               | — We started early <b>so that</b> we would reach on time.                                       |
| as if                 | — They behaved <b>as if</b> nothing had happened.   |
| even if               | — Such an act would not be kind <b>even if</b> it were just.                                    |
| provided that         | — We shall help you in every way, <b>provided that</b> you stay away from vices.                |
| as soon as            | — He called in his secretary <b>as soon as</b> he entered the office.                           |
| on the condition that | — I will overlook your mistake <b>on the condition that</b> you do not repeat it.               |
| in order that         | — The meeting was called <b>in order that</b> the monthly production agenda could be finalised. |
| as though             | — You look <b>as though</b> you have seen a ghost.  |