Conjunction

What are Conjunctions?

- Conjunctions are words used to join other words, groups of words, or sentences.
- They are also known as linking words or connectors.

Types of Conjunctions:

1. Coordinating Conjunctions

These join words or groups of equal importance.

Examples:

- and to join similar ideas
 - O Surya Kumar Yadav played a super innings and gave his team a win.
- **but** to show contrast
 - She tried her best but could not pass in the exam.
- or to show choice
 - O Would you like a cup of tea or a mug of coffee?
- **so** to show result
 - He was ill, so he did not attend school yesterday.

2. Correlative Conjunctions

These are pairs of conjunctions used together.

Examples:

- both ... and
 - Both Anjana and Rubina have to comply with the rules.
- either ... or
 - o Either Raj or Rahul can take part in the contest.
- **neither** ... nor

o Neither you nor your brother is tall.

3. Subordinating Conjunctions

These connect a dependent clause to an independent clause and show cause, condition, purpose, etc.

Examples:

- because shows reason
 - o Rahul didn't attend the party because he was not invited.
- so that shows purpose
 - o I asked her to move so that I could see the screen better.
- although, even though, even if show concession
 - Although it was cold, Rubina did not put on her coat.
- **if** shows condition
 - o If the vaccine is not produced, there may be a pandemic.
- when, while, where, as show time, place, or manner
 - He read his book while waiting for the bus.

Usage Practice

A. Join Sentences Using Conjunctions

Examples:

- both ... and
 - Both Anjana and Rubina have to comply with the rules.
- neither ... nor
 - Neither he nor his brother is fat.
- but
 - She is rich but not contented.

B. Join Sentences Using Given Conjunctions

1. neither ... nor

Neither he nor his brother is fat.

2. due to

• We cancelled the trip due to the bad weather.

3. for

She was very unhappy, for she missed her village.

C. Complete Sentences (Idea-Based Fillings)

Examples:

- 1. She has to go to a supermarket two miles away to get her groceries since there are no nearby stores.
- 2. She moved to France so that she could study culinary arts.
- 3. Everyone did their best in order to win the prize.
- 4. He missed the early train, as a result he was late for the meeting.
- 5. He fainted because he had been driving non-stop for 10 hours.
- 6. She couldn't attend the function because she was ill.

D. Fill in the Blanks with Suitable Conjunctions

Examples:

- 1. She did the work although she was ill.
- 2. Though we worked hard, a lot of things went wrong.
- 3. Even though we had planned everything carefully, things went wrong.
- 4. I went to work the next day although I was still feeling ill.
- 5. She refused the job because of the low salary.
- 6. I could not sleep because of the noise.
- 7. Although she is beautiful, everybody hates her.
- 8. The children slept deeply even though it was noisy

E. Join Sentences Using the Conjunctions in Brackets

1. He read about the incident while he was sitting on the train.

- 2. He got off the train when he reached the station.
- 3. As soon as I finish my work, I'll give you a cake.

F. Fill in the Blanks with Suitable Conjunctions

- 1. Since he was not there, I spoke to his father.
- 2. He is so poor that he can't pay his fee.
- 3. This book is cheap and useful.
- 4. I shall pass because you taught me.
- 5. Although she was poor, she was happy.

Points to Remember

- Conjunctions join words, phrases, or clauses.
- They help to make writing smoother and clearer.
- Types: Coordinating, Subordinating, and Correlative conjunctions.