

Conjunctions

Conjunctions are the words that join sentences together to make a conversation flow more easily. Sometimes conjunctions are called 'connectors' or link words or 'joining words'. Some examples of conjunctions are:

and	because	but	so
or	while	if	then
as	when	instead	unless
although	before	however	otherwise
neither	until	after	since
therefore	for	whatever	yet
meanwhile	next	once	though

Your child needs to fully understand each of these words before they can be expected to use them correctly. At first, you will need to give good examples of conjunctions. Emphasise the conjunction words when you use them.

Try these activities:

These activities allow your child to hear lots of good examples of conjunctions. Don't worry if they don't start to use them straight away or if they use them incorrectly to start with. Just keep trying.

Everyday chat Talk about familiar routines e.g. "you had breakfast **and** then you brushed your teeth." Encourage your child to talk about events in the order they happened by asking "what did you do first?...and then..."

Books Give examples of the conjunction you are working on e.g. "Goldilocks moved onto the next bowl of porridge **because** it was too hot" or "The boy is sad **because** he hurt himself".

Simon says type games

Use the conjunction you are working on. e.g. "Simon says touch your nose but don't jump up and down". "**If** you find two pictures that match, clap your hands". "**If** I jump up and down, you touch your nose". "Jump in the red hoops **but** not in the blue hoops".

Allow your child to give you instructions as well.

Conjunctions Work Book

Read out the words below to your child, and ask them to put a circle around the words which are conjunctions (joining words).

because

bath

or

dream

food

although

cup

however

pencil

shop

sweets

while

when

time

school

although

animal

after

but

party

until

computer

grass

and

Underline or highlight the conjunctions in this story:

Michael and James are out playing football in the sunny weather. They are both having lots of fun and forget to put their sun cream on. James' mother comes out to remind them because if they don't put the cream on they will get burned and feel unwell. They put the sun cream on and have a drink of water because they don't want to get dehydrated. Now that they have put the cream on and have had a nice cold drink, they can continue to play football and have more fun.

Decide whether 'and' or 'because' fits best in these sentences:

The boy was wetit was raining

My sisterher friend went shopping

I am happymy team won

I have a cata dog

I went to the parkplayed football

I love pizzait is yummy!

JohnMichael are brothers

I went to the cinemawatched a movie

I can't eat nuts I'm allergic to them

Decide whether 'and' or 'because' fits best in these sentences:

The boythe girl ate some piethey were hungry

I went to the doctor.....I was sick.....needed some medicine

Peterhis dad went fishingthe sun was shining

MaryLisa are friendsthey enjoy the same activities

I don't like spidersthey are scary.....make me jump

Michael went swimming.....it is his favourite activityit is good exercise.

Joe likes fish, chips.....mushy peas for his dinner.....it fills him up nicely.



Insert the correct conjunction

I put on my shoes.....went out to play

I can't eat my sweets.....after dinner

I can't go out tonight.....I have to stay in

It has been a long timeI last played football

I was going to eat the sweets.....I saved them for my sister

She was so nice to me.....she would not let me play with the Lego

I will read that story to you.....I need to clean the kitchen first

I waited a long time.....for the bus to arrive

Use conjunctions to make these sentences more interesting:

I can't go swimming. I have forgotten my swimming trunks.

I'd like to go to the park. My mum won't let me.

The old woman wanted to feed her dog. There was nothing in the cupboard.

I bought some sweets. I ate them on the way home.

The teacher was cross. She was late.

I went to the pictures. I really wanted to stay at home.

I couldn't go out. My dad came home.

Cut out these sentences and joining words
Use the conjunctions make longer sentences

The weather forecast said it was going to rain

I took my umbrella

therefore

The children didn't revise

they failed their exam

but

I wanted to go to the party

because

my Mum wouldn't let me

Mum bought a new dress

and

Dad bought a new shirt

Our after school club was cancelled

so

our teacher was ill.

Lucy went to bed early

although

she didn't fall asleep until after midnight

I don't like my new house

except

I like my new friends

Karen is rich

however

her cousin Kate is poor

Match the sentences on the left with those on the right.

Use a conjunction to make a longer sentence:

I always brush my teeth

I did not know what to do

I wanted to have some sweets

I could not go out to play

I needed to talk to the teacher

I started cheering

You cannot go swimming today

I was upset

I was singing a song

my friend scored a goal

I was in the bath

I saw that sad film

you can go tomorrow

the teacher was talking to Mary

it stopped raining

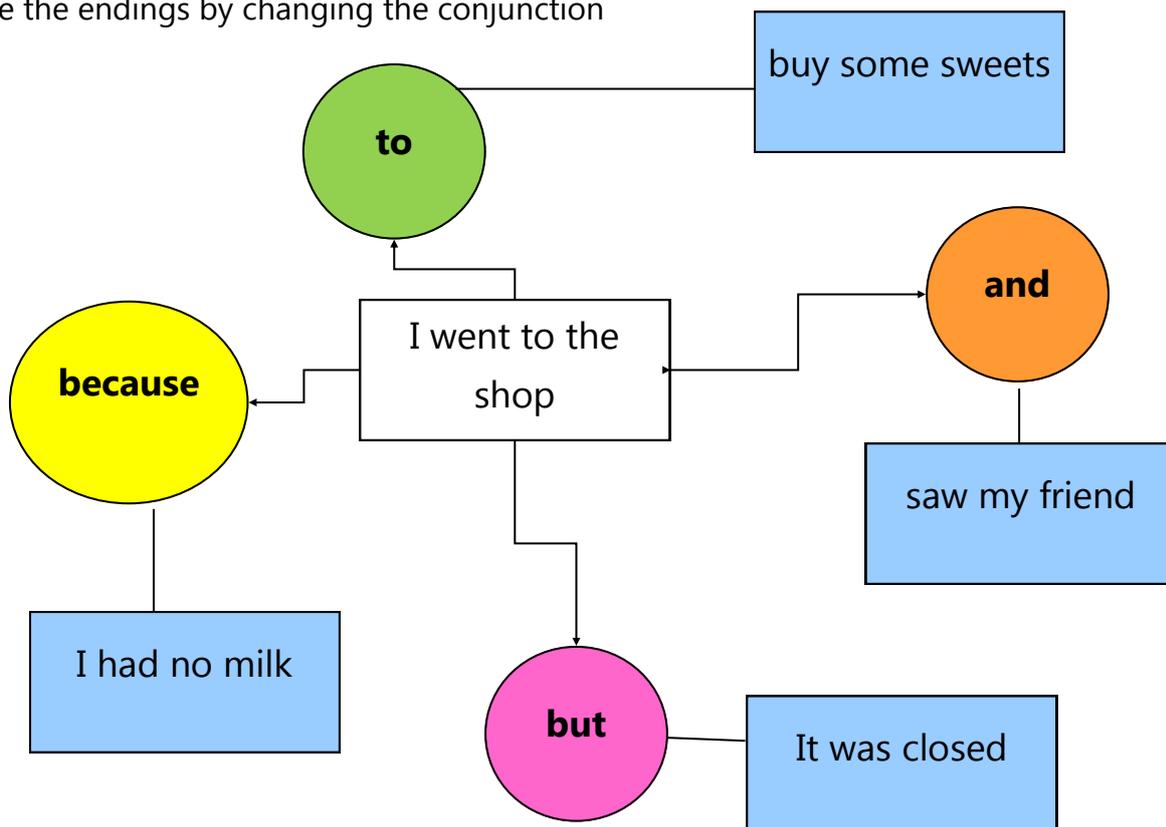
I asked my mum for help

I had no money to buy any

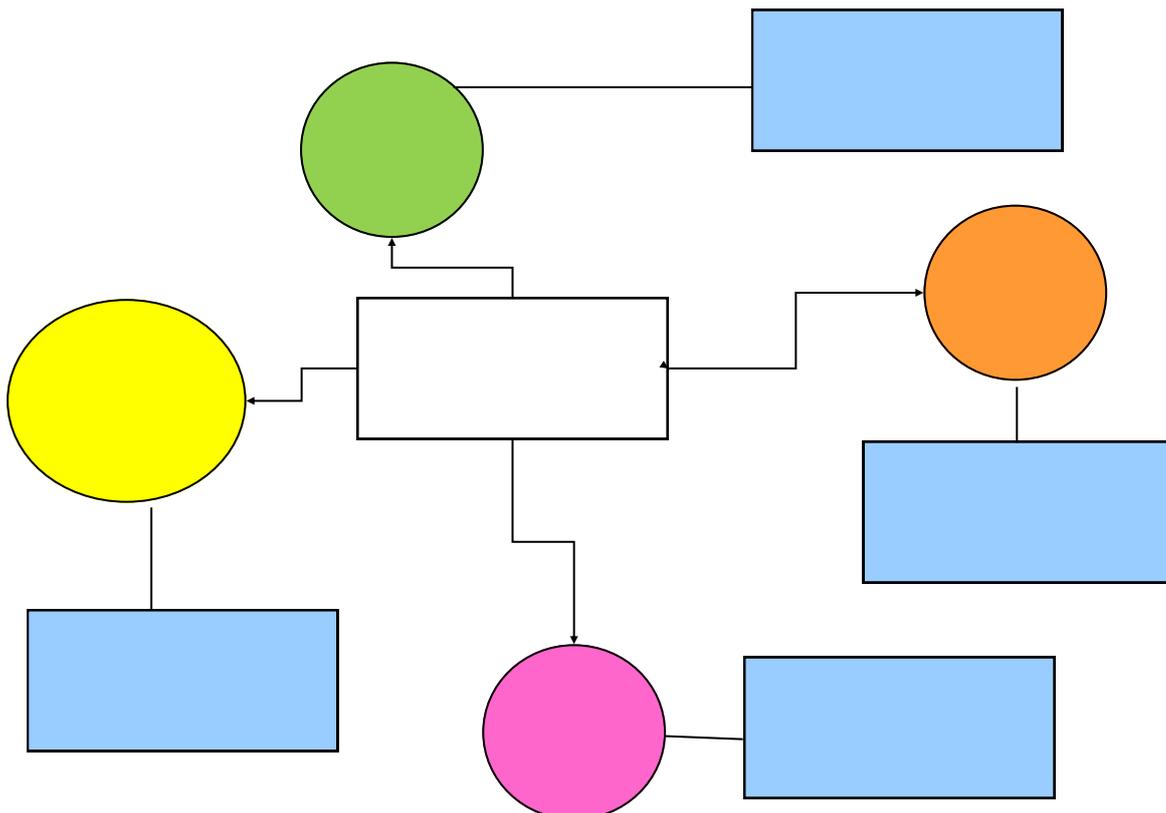
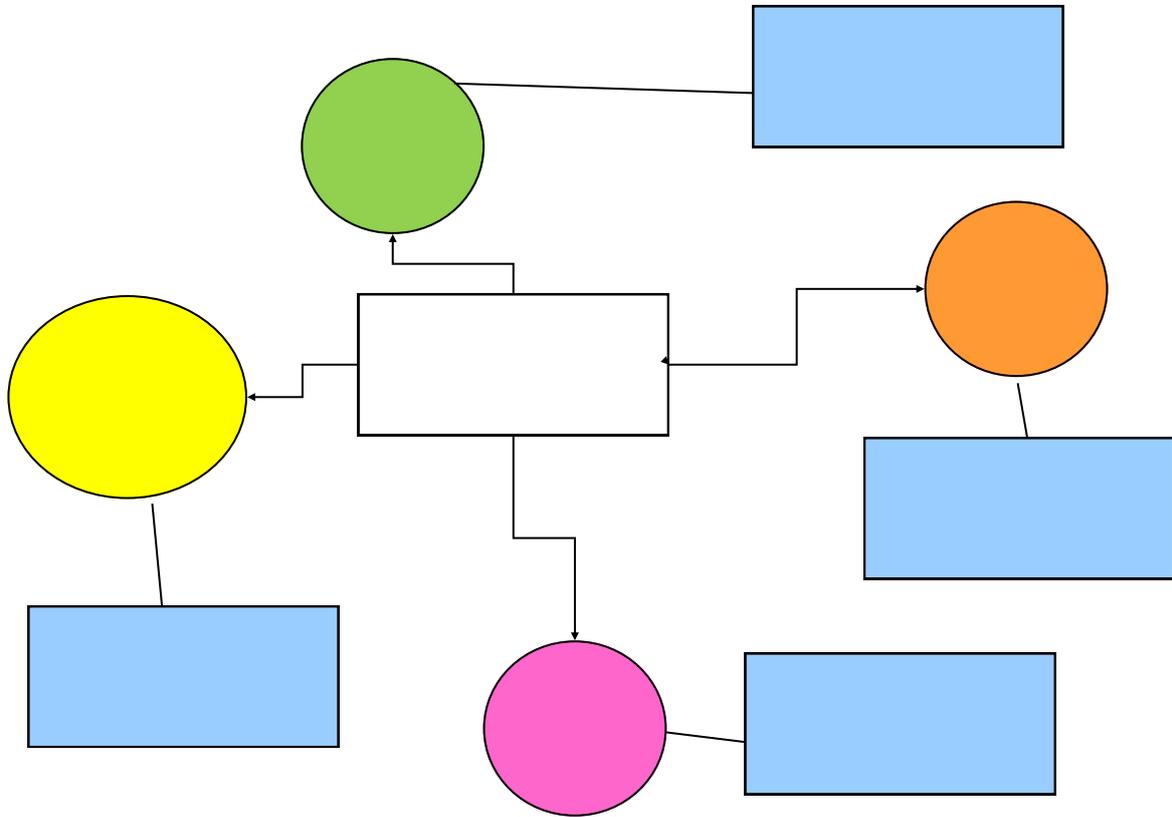
I go to bed

Conjunction Junction

Sentences can change depending on which conjunctions you use. Create some sentences and change the endings by changing the conjunction



Make up your own sentences using different conjunctions





Decide whether 'then' or 'when' fits best in these sentences

1. I packed my bagit was time to go home
2. I did my homework.....I went out to play
3. I started to run.....I saw my bus coming
4. I ate lots of cake.....it was my birthday
5. I got out of bedI had a shower
6. I ate my dinner.....I had my pudding
7. I started laughingI heard something funny
8. I put my raincoat on.....it is raining
9. I went to the cinema.....I went to pizza hut

Decide whether 'before' or 'after' fits best into these sentences

1.I went to school I ate all my breakfast
2. I had a shower.....i got up out of bed
3. I had to waitI could have a go on the computer
4.I go to bed I always have a hot chocolate



Decide whether 'at', 'in', 'on' or 'to' fits best into these sentences:

1. I drive.....my office every morning.
2. I arrive8 a.m.
3. She arrivedCoventry at 9:30 p.m.
4. Jeff likes to staybed all morning.
5. Jane is a doctor. She worksthe hospital.
6. Max had an operation. He's stillthe hospital.
7. The glass of milk isthe table.
8. The children are playingthe beach.
9. I can't talk to you now. I'mwork.
10. The students goschool by bus.
11. I eat lunchhome every day.
12. Did you take your homeworkschool
13. I have to bework by 8 a.m.
14. I have to gothe airport to pick up my brother.
15. Her daughter is awaycollege.
16. The milk isthe refrigerator to keep it cold.
17. The kids are swimmingthe pool.
18. Oh no! I left my walletthe taxi!
19. Did you gothe store, yet?
20. He parked his carThe car park

1. Describe what is happening in the picture including the words 'before' and 'after':



2. Describe what's happening in the picture including the words 'before' and 'after'?



3. Use conjunctions to explain what is happening in this story:





Using 2 conjunctions within a sentence

Complete the following sentences

I like to eat _____ and _____ but I don't like _____

I wear _____ and _____ but I don't wear _____

I drink _____ and _____ but I don't drink _____

At school, I like _____ and _____ but not _____

I like to watch _____ and _____ but not _____

My favourite foods are _____ and _____ because

Apples and _____ go together because

Cats and _____ go together because _____

_____ and I are having a drink because _____
