



Useful Grammar Points 2

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Grammar Notes

Connectives

We use connectives to link two or more ideas in a sentence. We use different connectives for different purposes.

so: show results

so that: state purposes

The restaurant is very popular, **so** I recommend it to my friends.

We took a taxi to the theatre **so that** we can arrive on time.

although: link contrasting ideas

Although Vicky was very tired, she still helped her brother with his homework.

therefore: show results

since: give reasons

Dan didn't wear enough clothes. **Therefore**, he caught a cold.

Since Miss Kam was in hospital, we wrote her a get-well card.

unless: show results (if ... not)

Your puppy will feel lonely and bored **unless** you take it for a walk.

before: show an action happening earlier than the other

after: show an action happening later than the other

Before you draw the pictures on the card, fold it in half.

Write your messages on the card **after** you draw the pictures on it.

either ... or: show a choice between two possibilities

neither ... nor: show two untrue or impossible things

We can **either** go snorkelling **or** (go) scuba diving.

Neither Matt **nor** Dan enjoys reading.

Grammar Tip

Note that we use most of the mentioned connectives to introduce a clause instead of a verb or a noun, except for 'either ... or' and 'neither ... nor'.



Common Errors

✓ I put on my glasses **so that** I can see clearly.

✗ I put on my glasses, **so** I can see clearly.

Grammar Tip

We use 'so that' to talk about what is expected to happen (a purpose) and 'so' to talk about what has actually happened (a result).

1. Dan got a cold, **so / so that** he was absent today.
2. Ellie volunteers at a dog shelter **so / so that** she can help more dogs.
3. We reuse recyclable materials **so / so that** we can reduce the waste we produce.



A Put a tick (✓) in the box next to each correct sentence.

1. Although Jasper fell down during the race, he managed to finish it.
2. You can either play badminton nor table tennis at PE lesson.
3. Before finish having dinner, you wash the dirty dishes.
4. The Fan family will go fishing on Saturday unless the weather is terrible.

B Complete their conversation with the correct connectives.

Lucy : There are lots of activities we can choose to do at the holiday village in the afternoon.

We can ① _____ go canoeing _____ windsurfing. I've brought my swimsuit ② _____ I can play water sports there.

Ellie : ③ _____ Amy _____ Jess can swim, ④ _____ I don't think it's a good idea. ⑤ _____ we cannot play water sports, we can still have fun.

We can ⑥ _____ go rock climbing _____ orienteering.

⑦ _____ there are four of us, we can join one of the activities as a group.

Lucy : How about going orienteering? Jess is good at reading maps. ⑧ _____, I think we won't have any difficulties at that.

Ellie : Nice! 🕒 ⑨ _____ we start, let's have some food first. We can't go orienteering with an empty stomach!



Hint: Q9

Read the next sentence for a hint.

C There is one mistake in the connective in each sentence. Correct the mistakes and rewrite the sentences.

1. You will damage the environment before you stop using disposable products.

You will damage the environment _____.

2. Plastic forks and knives are not reusable. Since, let's bring our own cutlery.

Plastic forks and knives are not reusable. _____.

3. Before you grill the steak, serve it on a plate or a board.

_____.

4. Unless neither Kenny nor Jess likes spicy food, they ordered the chilli prawns.

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