

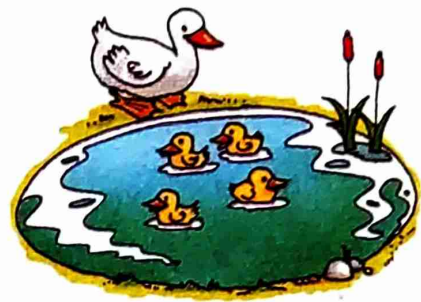


Linking Words



Read the passage below. Underline and, but and or.

Once, we saw a mother duck and its ducklings. The ducklings were tiny but were able to swim. Ducklings can swim from birth. The ducklings we saw were funny. One or the other would push the rest and all would start to shout in their baby voices. The mother duck would be on land but the ducklings would be in water by themselves.



Linking words join words, groups of words or sentences.



Examples: and, or, but.

There are many more linking words in English. We will learn three more here: **so, as and because.**

Read the sentences below. See how linking words are used:

1. I slept till seven; **so** I missed the school bus.
2. I was late for class **as** I missed the school bus.
3. The teacher was worried **because** I was late for class.

You have probably noticed that **because** and **as** have similar meaning. You can use either **because** or **as** in the same place.



Let's Practise

1. Use the linking words given in brackets to join the sentences. One has been done for you.

a. I can't go swimming. I have forgotten my swimming trunks. (because)

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

b. It was dark. We took our torches with us. (so)

It was dark, so we took our torches with us.

c. I can't visit you. I have a dance class this evening. (because)

I can't visit you because I have a dance class this evening.

d. I'm in charge of the house. Mom and Dad are away. (because)

I'm in charge of the house because Mom and Dad are away.

e. It's my grandfather's birthday tomorrow. My father and I are baking a cake. (so)

It's my grandfather's birthday tomorrow, so my father and I are baking a cake.



f. Don't worry. I will help you with your homework. (as)

Don't worry as I will help you with your homework.

g. I wanted to take part in the school sports but I could not. I had sprained my ankle. (as)

I wanted to take part in the school sports but I could not as I had sprained my ankle.

h. I was very hungry. I ate a heavy breakfast. (so)

I was very hungry, so I ate a very heavy breakfast.

2. Complete the following story by using correct linking words from the brackets.

Many centuries ago, there lived in Japan, a wise Buddhist monk called Ikkyu. When he was young Ikkyu wanted to study under a great tutor, so

(so/as) he went searching for a wise man. He soon found a great teacher

because (because/but) he was intelligent and (so/and) quick. Ikkyu studied well and (and/or) learned all that the teacher

taught him, but (but/as) he liked to ask questions. He asked many questions and (and/or) the teacher always answered them with patience.

The teacher had an old tea cup which he dearly loved. One day, while cleaning the cup, Ikkyu broke it. He thought he would hide the broken pieces and (and/or) the teacher would not find out. But (as/but) he came in that moment. Ikkyu quickly asked him, "O Lord, why do people die?" The teacher replied, "Everything has to die because (because/and) each one is given a time to live."



Ikkyu said, "O Lord, it was time for your cup to die," and (so/and) showed the broken pieces to the master.

3. Join the sentences below using suitable linking words from the box.

and but so as because or



a. It is hot outside. It is cool inside the house.

It is hot outside but it is cool inside the house.

b. Jemima wanted a bicycle for her birthday. She had learnt how to ride one.

Jemima wanted a bicycle for her birthday because she had learnt how to ride one.

c. We had forgotten to take our umbrellas. We got wet running home in the rain.

As we had forgotten to take our umbrellas, we got wet running home in the rain.

d. Pitt likes to have fish. He is also fond of bread.

Pitt likes to have fish and he is also fond of bread.



e. You may like this toy car. You may like the other one.

You may like this toy car or the other one.

- f. We bought an ice cream maker last week. Our family is very fond of ice cream.

We bought an ice cream maker last week because our family is very fond of ice cream.

- g. The students did all their grammar exercises. Their English improved.

The students did all their grammar exercises, so their English improved.



Activity

Choose a partner. Each of you should choose a limerick and its checklist. Take turns to read the limericks to the partner while he/she ticks the linking words used in the limerick.

Limerick 1

There was a young boy from Aces
And he swallowed two or three horses
But his tummy was full to the brim
Because he had too much inside him
So he could win all the races.

Checklist

and
or
but
because
so

Adverbs
&
helpful

Limerick 2

As Ninny was a lonely cow
So she always felt sad somehow
But she called the farm lad Ray,
"Will you not come here and play?"
She said this while taking a bow.

Checklist

as
so
but
and
or



Revision

- Linking words are used to join words, group of words and sentences.
- Some examples of linking words are and, because, so, but, as.