

## 51 Conjunctions

### Common conjunctions

**To link:** and, both ... and, or, either ... or, neither ... nor, not only ... but (also)

**To contrast:** but, however, nevertheless, though/although, in spite of, despite, whereas

**To express a reason or purpose:** because, for, as, since, so that, in order that

**To express a consequence:** so, therefore

**To make an additional point:** besides, moreover, anyway

**51** Join the sentences with a suitable conjunction. There may be more than one possible answer for each sentence.

- I went to bed early. I would be able to get up early.  
*I went to bed early so that I would be able to get up early.*
- I went to bed early in order that I would be able to get up early.  
It's an excellent course. I'm very lucky to get a place on it.
- I don't really want to go to the cinema tonight. I can't afford it.
- There is very little that the company can do about this. It is not their responsibility.
- I've known her for a long time. I don't know much about her private life.

### 136a ★

Link words: **and, but, so, then, before, after, because**

Write one of the above words in the correct place in these sentences. Use each word for two sentences. Where two answers are possible, choose the more likely one:

- I got out of the car . . . . . walked into the house.  
*I got out of the car and walked into the house.*
- The weather was lovely. . . . . we stayed in the garden.  
. . . . . we went to bed, I locked all the doors.
- The little boy was wet and cold. . . . . he wasn't hurt.
- We turned off the lights and . . . . . left the room.
- I had a bath . . . . . we played football.
- I sat in the kitchen . . . . . read a book.
- She worked hard. . . . . failed all her exams.
- I do some exercises . . . . . I go to work in the morning.
- They took me to hospital . . . . . the crash.
- We had no money . . . . . the banks were closed.
- We paid our hotel bill and . . . . . left.
- I had to walk to work . . . . . the car wouldn't start.
- It was very cold. . . . . we didn't go out.

### 136b ★★

Link words: **although, however, though, in spite of, whereas**

Rewrite the sentences using the words given. You may need to change some words (and be careful with the punctuation). Where two answers are possible, choose the more likely one:

- He seemed a friendly person, but I didn't like him. (although)  
*Although he seemed a friendly person, I didn't like him.*
- My car wouldn't start. Jenny's started immediately. (whereas)  
*My car wouldn't start, whereas Jenny's started immediately.*
- Jo never helped with the housework. Pat did. (whereas)
- He lived in Germany for ten years, but he never learned German. (in spite of)
- We sometimes stayed out late. We always got home before twelve. (though)
- He didn't like sport: he didn't mind watching the football. (however)
- I was very hungry. I had eaten an hour earlier. (in spite of)
- The flat was comfortable. It was very expensive. (although)
- My parents were angry. They soon forgave me. (though)
- The old house was near the sea. The new one is in the middle of the town. (whereas)

- She's extremely generous. Her husband is the exact opposite.
- I didn't say that. I didn't even think it.
- The suspect is critically ill in hospital. We can't interview him for the time being.
- I like working here. The people are very friendly.
- I could do the work tonight. I could get up early in the morning to do it.

- In a way, I love the job. I hate it.
- He looks a bit overweight. He is quite fit.
- The economy has been in recession all year. Our sales have remained steady.
- I've brought a photograph. You can see how beautiful the place is.
- The Government are getting worried. They're losing popularity.
- I had a terrible headache last night. I couldn't go out.
- My job is very interesting. It doesn't pay very well.
- You leave now. I'll call the police.