



LINKING WORDS



grammar overview

"and"

You use "and" to combine two similar information together.

Examples:

1. I am tall and plump.
2. Susan likes Maths and Art.
3. He got up and got dressed.
4. Go and bring me the map.

"but"

You use "but" to combine two conflicting or opposing information together.

Examples:

1. Planes are fast and comfortable, but they are very scary.
2. It's nice, but short.

"or"

You use "or" to combine two options together.

Examples:

1. I want to buy a grey or a black car.
2. Do you like playing football or basketball?
3. Tea or coffee please?

"so"

You use "so" to say that the second information is the result of the first one.

Examples:

1. I am very tired so I'll sleep early today.
2. It is cold and windy so we are staying at home.

because - because of

You use "because" to tell the reason of something.
 You can also use "because of" to tell the reason of something but it's followed by a noun or a noun phrase.

1. Because I am very tired I'll sleep early today.
2. We are staying at home because the weather cold and windy.
3. I was late for work because of the heavy traffic.



FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH "AND-BUT-OR-SO- BECAUSE-BECAUSE OF"

1. He got off the bus, bought a newspaper _____ went into a cafe.
2. There was a little cat at the top of a tall tree _____ I called the rescue team.
3. I bought everything in the shopping list _____ I couldn't find any oranges.
4. She can buy a nice laptop _____ she can have a short holiday with the money she saved.
5. My father didn't come home yesterday evening _____ he had an important meeting.
6. I don't want to watch this film _____ I didn't like the plot of it.
7. Steven stays out late _____ spend time with his friends.
8. My mom doesn't let me go out _____ I haven't

- finished my homework yet.
9. Our teacher prepared a poster on environmental problems _____ hanged it on the bulletin board.
10. Rachel was quite wet _____ the heavy rain today.
11. I really liked the new mobile phone on the window of the shop _____ I bought it.
12. _____ the high oil prices, I can't use my car often.
13. Nancy is a good friend _____ sometimes she can be very pessimistic about her future.
14. You can have pudding _____ ice-cream after meal.
15. She has got a nice expensive piano _____ she doesn't know how to play it.
16. The security guard said "Stop _____ I'll shoot you" _____ the robber went on running.
17. I've got a terrible headache _____ I can't come to the theatre with you.
18. Do you want milk _____ fruit juice for breakfast?

19. A lot of people are protesting the government _____ the high taxes.
20. _____ there was a snake in the school garden, the students were screaming.
21. Don't forget to take your umbrella with you _____ you will be soaked.
22. Stop wasting your time with that computer game _____ study for your exam.
23. Marilyn wants to give up eating fast food _____ she is overweight.
24. Sharon wants to look well and be healthy _____ does exercises every morning.
25. I think we have to sell the company _____ the bad economic conditions.

