

### Activity Type

Reading, listening, matching and speaking activity, group work

### Language Focus

Conjunctions: and, but, so, because

### Aim

To race to complete sentences with the conjunctions: and, but, so, because.

### Preparation

Make one copy of the sentence cards and conjunction cards for each group of three and cut as indicated. Keep the two sets of cards separate.

### Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

### Time

25 minutes

### Introduction

In this conjunctions activity, students play a card game where they race to complete sentences with 'and, but, so, because'.

### Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three.

Give each group a set of sentence cards and conjunction cards.

Tell the students to shuffle the sentence cards and place them face down in a pile on the desk.

The conjunction cards should be shuffled and spread out face up on the desk, so all three students can easily see and reach them.

Students then take it in turns to pick up a sentence card and read it to the other two students using the word 'blank' where the conjunction should go.

The two students listen to the sentence and then race to grab the correct conjunction card to complete the sentence.

The first student to grab the correct card and say the conjunction wins and keeps the two cards.

The correct answer is shown at the bottom of the sentence card.

If neither student gives the right answer, the sentence card is placed at the bottom of the pile and any conjunction cards are put back in place.

The next student then picks up a sentence card and so on.

The game continues until there are no more sentence cards left.

The student with the most cards at the end of the game wins.

**Sentence cards**


<p>She's got a laptop ..... a desktop computer.</p> <p>Answer - and</p>	<p>I've got a brother, ..... I haven't got a sister.</p> <p>Answer - but</p>	<p>I've got a big family, ..... I get lots of birthday presents.</p> <p>Answer - so</p>	<p>I left class early, ..... I had a doctor's appointment.</p> <p>Answer - because</p>
<p>I've got one brother ..... two sisters.</p> <p>Answer - and</p>	<p>Our car is old, ..... it never breaks down.</p> <p>Answer - but</p>	<p>The students forgot to do their homework, ..... the teacher was angry.</p> <p>Answer - so</p>	<p>We didn't go to the park yesterday, ..... it was raining.</p> <p>Answer - because</p>
<p>I play tennis on Saturdays ..... Sundays.</p> <p>Answer - and</p>	<p>My father is tall, ..... my mother is short.</p> <p>Answer - but</p>	<p>Kim was cold, ..... she put on a coat.</p> <p>Answer - so</p>	<p>She passed the test, ..... she had a good teacher.</p> <p>Answer - because</p>
<p>In my bag, there are two books ..... some pens.</p> <p>Answer - and</p>	<p>I am confident, ..... my friend is shy.</p> <p>Answer - but</p>	<p>The concert was cancelled ..... we went to a nightclub instead.</p> <p>Answer - so</p>	<p>I couldn't arrive on time, ..... I had missed the train.</p> <p>Answer - because</p>
<p>She worked hard ..... made a lot of money.</p> <p>Answer - and</p>	<p>It was a difficult exam, ..... I passed it.</p> <p>Answer - but</p>	<p>Katie needed some money, ..... she took a part-time job.</p> <p>Answer - so</p>	<p>I came here, ..... I want to talk to you.</p> <p>Answer - because</p>
<p>Julie has a guitar, ..... she plays it really well.</p> <p>Answer - and</p>	<p>She was very poor, ..... she never asked for help.</p> <p>Answer - but</p>	<p>It was a sunny day, ..... we went to the beach.</p> <p>Answer - so</p>	<p>I couldn't come to class, ..... I was very ill.</p> <p>Answer - because</p>

**Conjunction cards**

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