

Varied Fluency

Step 2: Consolidating Coordinating Conjunctions

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 3: (3G3.4) [Extending the range of sentences with more than one clause by using a wider range of conjunctions, including: when, if, because, although](#)

English Year 3: (3G1.4) [Using conjunctions to express time and cause](#)

English Year 3: (3G1.4) [Express time, place and cause using conjunctions \[for example, when, before, after, while, so, because\]](#)

Terminology for pupils:

- (3G1.4) [conjunction](#)
- (3G3.1) [clause](#)
- (3G3.4) [subordinate clause](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to consolidate recognising and using coordinating conjunctions in sentences with two short clauses. Supported with word banks and 2 multiple choice options.

Expected Questions to consolidate recognising and using coordinating conjunctions in sentences. Supported with word banks and 3 multiple choice options.

Greater Depth Questions to consolidate recognising and using coordinating conjunctions in sentences with longer, expanded clauses which can include two coordinating conjunctions. No word banks.

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1a. Which sentence uses a coordinating conjunction correctly?

- A. Isaac is really good at football, for he practises each day.
- B. We love going bowling, yet scoring strikes.



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1b. Which sentence uses a coordinating conjunction correctly?

- A. Would you like to have fish, but pie for your meal?
- B. Newborn babies can neither sit, nor roll over on to their front.



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2a. Match one coordinating conjunction to each sentence.

and

or

- A. In the mornings we have English, _____ we have PE in the afternoons.
- B. I can wash the dishes now, _____ after I've watched TV.



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2b. Match one coordinating conjunction to each sentence.

but

so

- A. It was very windy outside, _____ I stayed indoors.
- B. It would be lovely to see you, _____ I'm too busy.



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3a. Circle the coordinating conjunction in the sentence below. What is its function?

I wasn't feeling very well this morning, yet I still went to school.

- A. Joins two clauses that agree.
- B. Shows contrast between two clauses.



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3b. Circle the coordinating conjunction in the sentence below. What is its function?

I drank some water, for I was thirsty.

- A. Adds more negative information.
- B. Explains the first clause.



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4a. Correct the following sentences by changing the coordinating conjunctions.

- A. We went to the cinema or had some popcorn.
- B. My friends wanted to play football, so I wanted to read my book.



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4b. Correct the following sentences by changing the coordinating conjunctions.

- A. I could read the next chapter of my book so go to sleep.
- B. It is sports day tomorrow, for I have to bring my PE kit.



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5a. Which sentence uses a coordinating conjunction correctly?

- A. Evie likes the steamed broccoli, so loves the delicious cauliflower cheese.
- B. I have been poorly over the weekend, yet I still completed my homework.
- C. Would you like to visit your cousins, nor go to the cinema this weekend?



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5b. Which sentence uses a coordinating conjunction correctly?

- A. Adam did not like the chips on his plate, nor the chocolate dessert.
- B. She put a jacket on, and it was cold outside.
- C. I would have come to see you, so my mum made me tidy my room instead.



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6a. Match one coordinating conjunction to each sentence.

or

so

- A. It is raining, _____ I'll have to take an umbrella with me.
- B. Would you like peas, _____ would you prefer beans?



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6b. Match one coordinating conjunction to each sentence.

but

and

- A. I love eating apples, _____ if I eat too many, I get tummy ache.
- B. Narinder is very talented at ball sports _____ really enjoys gymnastics.



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7a. Circle the coordinating conjunction in the sentence below. What is its function?

Lena didn't like the music, nor the food that was served at the party.

- A. Joins two clauses that agree.
- B. Adds more negative information.
- C. Explains the first clause.



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7b. Circle the coordinating conjunction in the sentence below. What is its function?

I was running a temperature this morning, so I couldn't play outside.

- A. Joins two clauses that agree.
- B. Adds more negative information.
- C. Second clause is a result of the first.



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8a. Correct the following sentences by changing the coordinating conjunctions.

- A. The weather forecast said it would be hot today, for I didn't believe it.
- B. I took my jumper off, nor it was warm outside.



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8b. Correct the following sentences by changing the coordinating conjunctions.

- A. We went to the park, yet had an ice cream on the way home.
- B. I can't whistle very well, so can I sing in tune.



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9a. Which sentence uses coordinating conjunctions correctly?

- A. My dad was full of cold, so I made him some soup and he felt a bit better after that.
- B. I don't like eating crisps, so chocolate very much and I love having fruit and delicious salads.



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9b. Which sentence uses coordinating conjunctions correctly?

- A. Adil was starving, for he had skipped breakfast, but he couldn't get anything to eat until break time.
- B. My team was bottom of their league, or they won their last few matches, but avoided relegation.



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10a. Fill in the gaps with a coordinating conjunction.

- A. Kim didn't enjoy the pancakes, _____ the waffles, _____ she did think the smoothie was tasty.
- B. It is quiet reading time now, _____ would you prefer to read fiction _____ non-fiction books.



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10b. Fill in the gaps with a coordinating conjunction.

- A. The traffic was terrible, _____ I still got to school on time, _____ I didn't get a late mark.
- B. Alfie and I played in the park _____ we got a drink at the café, _____ we were extremely thirsty.



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11a. Circle the coordinating conjunctions below. What are their functions?

Fozia had lost her bag, yet her friends found it for her and she was very grateful.

- A. Joins two clauses that agree.
- B. Adds more negative information.
- C. Shows contrast in spite of something.



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11b. Circle the coordinating conjunctions below. What are their functions?

Owain doesn't like playing football, nor rugby, yet he enjoys spectating at matches.

- A. Shows contrast in spite of something.
- B. Adds more negative information.
- C. Explains the first clause.



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12a. Correct the following sentences by changing the coordinating conjunctions.

- A. Some people like peanut butter, and I'm not very keen on it, nor I put jam on my toast.
- B. Anna puts sun cream on, or it's radiant outside, for she also wears a sun hat to protect herself.



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12b. Correct the following sentences by changing the coordinating conjunctions.

- A. They were not wearing coats, so carrying umbrellas, nor I think they will get wet.
- B. He hadn't read the book, for seen the film, or he was still able to follow the English lesson.



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Developing

- 1a. **A**
2a. **A – and, B – or**
3a. **yet, B**
4a. **A – We went to the cinema and had some popcorn. B – My friends wanted to play football, but I wanted to read my book.**

Expected

- 5a. **B**
6a. **A – so, B – or**
7a. **nor, B**
8a. **A – The weather forecast said it would be hot today, but I didn't believe it. B – I took my jumper off, for it was warm outside.**

Greater Depth

- 9a. **A**
10a. **A – Kim didn't enjoy the pancakes, nor the waffles, but she did think the smoothie was tasty. B – It is quiet reading time now, so would you prefer to read fiction or non-fiction books.**
11a. **yet/and, C and A**
12a. **A – Some people like peanut butter, but I'm not very keen on it, so I put jam on my toast. B – Anna puts sun cream on, for it's radiant outside, and she also wears a sun hat to protect herself.**

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Developing

- 1b. **B**
2b. **A – so, B – but**
3b. **for, B**
4b. **A – I could read the next chapter of my book or go to sleep. B – It is sports day tomorrow, so I have to bring my PE kit.**

Expected

- 5b. **A**
6b. **A – but, B – and**
7b. **so, C**
8b. **A – We went to the park and had an ice cream on the way home. B – I can't whistle very well, nor can I sing in tune.**

Greater Depth

- 9b. **A**
10b. **A – The traffic was terrible, yet I still got to school on time, so I didn't get a late mark. B – Alfie and I played in the park and we got a drink at the café, for we were extremely thirsty.**
11b. **nor/yet, B and A**
12b. **A – They were not wearing coats, nor carrying umbrellas, so I think they will get wet. B – He hadn't read the book, nor seen the film, yet he was still able to follow the English lesson.**