



Using Coordinating Conjunctions ¹

Level: Intermediate (B-Level)

Practice 1

Instructions. [Based on the whole unit](#) on coordinating conjunctions, fill in the blanks using “and,” “but,” “so,” or “or.” Some items may have multiple correct answers.

When you are done, see “Answer Key” to check your answers.

1. James has been at work since 8 o'clock, _____ he has been on the phone with clients since then.
2. Elizabeth has been working on her college degree for four years, _____ she is still not ready to graduate.
3. Mary has two small children, _____ another baby is on the way.
4. Mark was 45 minutes late for class, _____ the teacher did not allow him to take the test.
5. It's freezing today, _____ the children want to play outside.
6. We wanted to go skiing, _____ the weather was too warm, _____ there was no snow.
7. What would you like to do? We could watch a movie, _____ we could go for a walk in the park.
8. Some people do not have much money, _____ they live satisfying lives.
9. It's up to you. You can talk to me now, _____ we can schedule an appointment for next week.
10. I need to save for a new car, _____ I've been avoiding any unnecessary expenses.

Answer Key

1. James has been at work since 8 o'clock, **and** he has been on the phone with clients since then.
2. Elizabeth has been working on her college degree for four years, **but** she is still not ready to graduate.
3. Mary has two small children, **and** another baby is on the way.
4. Mark was 45 minutes late for class, **so** the teacher did not allow him to take the test.
5. It's freezing today, **but** the children want to play outside.
6. We wanted to go skiing, **but** the weather was too warm, **so** there was no snow.
7. What would you like to do? We could watch a movie, **or** we could go for a walk in the park.
8. Some people do not have much money, **but** they live satisfying lives.
9. It's up to you. You can talk to me now, **or** we can schedule an appointment for next week.
10. I need to save for a new car, **so** I've been avoiding any unnecessary expenses.

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