

Activity Type

Reading, listening, matching and speaking activity, group work

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

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this conjunctions activity, students play a card game where they race to complete sentences with the conjunctions: 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


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

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