



English Conjunctions: A Complete List

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Word	IPA	Meaning	Example
and		joining two things	I like apples and bananas.
but		joining two different ideas	I like apples but not bananas.
or		a choice	Do you want tea or coffee?
so		showing a result	It is raining so I have an umbrella.
yet		shows contrast; similar to but	I have not finished my homework yet.
for		gives a reason (like because)	This gift is for you.
nor		and not; used after neither or not	She does not like coffee, nor does she drink tea.
because		giving a reason	I am happy because it is my birthday.
if		Used to say that a particular thing can or will happen only after something else happens or becomes true	If it rains we will stay home.
when		asking about time	When is your birthday?
while		During the time that	I read a book while waiting.
although		Even though	Although it rained, we played.
though		Despite the fact that	Though it was cold, we went swimming.
unless		Except if	I won't go unless you come with me.
until		Up to the time that	I will wait until you return.
since		From a particular time in the past until a later time or until now	I have lived here since 2010.
as		Used to compare things	She is as tall as me.
before		Earlier than	Wash your hands before dinner.
after		Later than	I will see you after school.
whereas		showing a contrast between two facts	I like quiet mornings, whereas my brother prefers busy nights.
whether		Expressing a doubt or choice between alternatives	I don't know whether to go or stay.
whenever		Every or any time	You can visit me whenever you want.
wherever		In or to whatever place	We can go wherever you like.
than		Used to compare things	He is taller than his brother.
both ... and		two things together	She is both smart and kind.
either ... or		one of two choices	You can either call me or send a message.
neither ... nor		not one and not the other	He likes neither spinach nor broccoli.
not only ... but also		adds emphasis and extra information	The movie was not only exciting but also funny.
whether ... or		shows two possible options	I cannot tell whether he is joking or serious.

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however		Despite whatever amount or degree	However hard I try I can't do it.
therefore		For that reason	It rained, therefore we stayed inside.
also		In addition	I also like tea.
moreover		Also and more importantly	The whole report is badly written. Moreover, it's inaccurate.
furthermore		in addition; also	The plan is affordable; furthermore, it is easy to use.
nevertheless		Despite what has just been said or referred to	I knew a lot about the subject already, but her talk was interesting nevertheless.
otherwise		If not	Hurry up otherwise you will be late.
meanwhile		Until something expected happens, or while something else is happening	I'll start cooking. Meanwhile, you can set the table.
besides		In addition to	Who is coming besides John?
instead		In place of someone or something else	I will have tea instead of coffee.
still		Continuing now	I am still here.
consequently		as a result	It rained all night; consequently, the game was canceled.
thus		therefore; as a result	The road was closed, thus we took another route.
hence		for that reason; therefore	The evidence was weak; hence, the case was dismissed.
additionally		in addition; also	The hotel offers free breakfast and, additionally, airport pickup.