

Conjunctions

Conjunctions are **joining words**. Conjunctions join sentences and tell us what they mean when they are together.

The most important conjunctions for you to know are:

Because joins sentences that give a reason for something that happens.

Lerato takes her schoolwork seriously.

When Lerato's report is good she feels great.

Lerato takes her schoolwork seriously **because** when her report is good she feels great.

And joins sentences that go together.

Lerato likes watermelon.

Lerato likes banana.

Lerato likes watermelon **and** she likes banana.

But joins sentences that do not go together.

Lerato writes neatly.

Thabang does not.

Lerato writes neatly, **but** Thabang does not.

Or joins sentences that give choices or options.

Today Lerato could go to the cinema.

Today Lerato could go to the flea market.

Lerato could go to the cinema **or** she could go to the flea market.

If joins sentences that together tell us what will happen when something else happens.

Lerato will do well at school.

Lerato works hard in class.

Lerato will do well **if** she works hard in class.



- a** Join these sentences by using one of the conjunctions below.
Each sentence must make sense. The first one has been done for you.

if because and but or

- 1** Lerato wanted to play outside. It was raining.

Lerato wanted to play outside, but it was raining.

- 2** Lerato was happy. The next day was a school outing.

- 3** Gogo said she would take Lerato to the zoo. Lerato gets a good report.

- 4** Lerato loves painting with bright colours. Thabang loves playing soccer with his friends.

- 5** Lerato would like to be a doctor. Lerato would like to be a lawyer.

Writing

Join sentences using conjunctions such as 'and', 'thus'.

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