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A1 CONNECTORS ≈ 25 MIN

And, But, Because — *practice on paper*

You have finished the lesson. Now connect new short sentences with and, but, because, and because of.

and adds, **but** contrasts, because + clause gives a reason, and because of + noun gives a cause.

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YOUR BUILD 1 · SORTING ◯ 2 · FILL-IN ◯ 3 · CORRECT ◯ 4 · WRITE ◯

BRICK 1 · SORT CONNECTIONS AND REASONS · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Sort each sentence. Put an **addition or contrast** with and or but on the left. Put a **reason** with because or because of on the right.

Tea and fruit are ready.
The room is small, but warm.
Open the file and check page two.
The fare is low, but the trip is long.
We sell pens and notebooks.
I left early because I felt ill.
The call moved because Eva was busy.
We waited because of the rain.
He cycled because of the strike.
Sam smiled because the client agreed.

ADDITION OR CONTRAST	REASON

BRICK 2 · COMPLETE THE RIGHT BRIDGE · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Add **and**, **but**, **because**, or **because of**. Check the meaning and the form after the gap.

01 We ordered soup _____ salad for lunch.
02 The desk is cheap, _____ it feels strong.
03 I called IT _____ my screen was black.
04 The train stopped _____ a signal problem.
05 Mia is new, _____ she knows the system.
06 We stayed late _____ the report was urgent.
07 Bring a pen _____ your notebook.
08 The picnic moved inside _____ the wind.

YOUR BUILD | 1 · SORTING | 2 · FILL-IN | 3 · CORRECT | 4 · WRITE

BRICK 3 · FIND AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE · APPROX. 7 MIN

Each sentence has exactly one **connector** mistake. Underline it and write the sentence correctly.

01 The delay happened because the snow.

02 Lea left early because of she had a headache.

03 Folders labels are ready for the boxes.

04 The event moved because of it rained.

05 Nora stayed late because of the printer stopped.

06 The laptop is old, but and reliable.

BRICK 4 · WRITE YOUR OWN SENTENCES · APPROX. 8 MIN

Write one short English sentence for each prompt. Choose the **bridge** that matches your meaning.

01 Addition: join two things from your workday with and.

02 Contrast: describe one place with but.

03 Full reason: explain a decision with because.

04 Reason as a noun: write a sentence with because of.

MINI-CHECK – CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ☐ I use and when the second idea adds information.
- ☐ I use but when the second idea shows a contrast.
- ☐ I put a full small clause after because.
- ☐ I put a noun after because of and no German comma before because.

Still unsure? Ask at every gap: addition, contrast, or reason?

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 Tea and fruit are ready.
***Addition or contrast**: And adds fruit.*

02 The room is small, but warm.
***Addition or contrast**: But shows the change to warm.*

03 Open the file and check page two.
***Addition or contrast**: And adds a second action.*

04 The fare is low, but the trip is long.
***Addition or contrast**: But joins two contrasting ideas.*

05 We sell pens and notebooks.
***Addition or contrast**: And adds notebooks.*

06 I left early because I felt ill.
***Reason**: Because comes before the full clause I felt ill.*

07 The call moved because Eva was busy.
***Reason**: Because comes before the full clause Eva was busy.*

08 We waited because of the rain.
***Reason**: Because of comes before the noun rain.*

09 He cycled because of the strike.
***Reason**: Because of comes before the noun strike.*

10 Sam smiled because the client agreed.
***Reason**: Because comes before the full clause the client agreed.*

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 We ordered soup **and** salad for lunch.
Addition: And joins soup and salad.

02 The desk is cheap, **but** it feels strong.
Contrast: But connects cheap and strong.

03 I called IT **because** my screen was black.
Full reason: Because comes before my screen was black.

04 The train stopped **because of** a signal problem.
Reason as a noun: Because of comes before a signal problem.

05 Mia is new, **but** she knows the system.
Contrast: But shows the unexpected second idea.

06 We stayed late **because** the report was urgent.
Full reason: Because comes before the report was urgent.

07 Bring a pen **and** your notebook.
Addition: And adds notebook.

08 The picnic moved inside **because of** the wind.
Reason as a noun: Because of comes before the wind.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 The delay happened **because of** the snow.
Reason as a noun: The snow needs because of.

02 Lea left early **because** she had a headache.
Full reason: She had a headache comes after because.

03 Folders **and** labels are ready for the boxes.
Addition: And joins folders and labels.

04 The event moved **because** it rained.
Full reason: It rained comes after because.

05 Nora stayed late **because** the printer stopped.
Full reason: The printer stopped comes after because.

06 The laptop is old, **but** reliable.
Contrast: But connects old and reliable.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your sentences may be different. Check only the meaning and the form after the bridge.

01 I pack **water and fruit** for work.
Addition: And joins water and fruit.

02 The cafe is busy, **but** the service is quick.
Contrast: But connects busy and quick.

03 I took the bus **because the train was full**.
Full reason: Because comes before the train was full.

04 The match stopped **because of the rain**.
Reason as a noun: Because of comes before the rain.

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