**English Sentence Structure**

We can categorize sentences in English based on different criteria, and one way to categorize them is based on their structure. When we do this, we find that there are four sentence structures

**English Sentence Structure**

The following statements are true about sentences in English:

* A new sentence begins with a capital letter.
  + **H**e obtained his degree.
* A sentence ends with punctuation (a period, a question mark, or an exclamation point).
  + He obtained his degree**.**
* A sentence contains a subject that is only given once.
  + ~~Smith~~ he obtained his degree.
* A sentence contains a verb or a verb phrase.
  + He **obtained** his degree.
* A sentence follows Subject + Verb + Object word order.
  + **He** (subject) **obtained** (verb) **his degree** (object).
* A sentence must have a complete idea that stands alone. This is also called an independent clause.
  + **He obtained his degree.**

**Simple Sentences**

A [simple sentence](https://academicguides.waldenu.edu/writingcenter/scholarlyvoice/sentencestructure#s-lg-box-2835546) contains a subject and a verb, and it may also have an object and modifiers. However, it contains only one independent clause.

Here are a few examples:

* **She** wrote.
* **She** completed *her literature review*.
* **He** organized *his sources* by theme.
* **They** studied *APA rules* for many hours.

**Compound Sentences**

A [compound sentence](https://academicguides.waldenu.edu/writingcenter/scholarlyvoice/sentencestructure#s-lg-box-2835546) contains at least twoindependent clauses.  Here are a few examples:

* **She completed her literature review** and **she created her reference list***.*
* **He organized his sources by theme**; **then, he updated his reference list.**
* **They studied APA rules for many hours**, but **they realized there was still much to learn.**

**A compound sentence** is two or more independent clauses joined together in any one of three ways.

1. By a coordinating conjunction.

I enjoy playing tennis**, but** I hate playing golf.

2. By a sentence connector.

I enjoy playing tennis**; however,** I hate playing golf.

3. By a semicolon:

I enjoy playing tennis**;** I hate playing golf.

**COMPOUND SENTENCES**

**Coordinating Conjunctions:**

A compound sentence is made up of two or more independent clauses connected by a coordinating conjunction, such as and, or, nor, but, for, 80, yet. Each clause in a compound sentence must have a subject and a verb, is of equal importance, and can stand alone. Punctuate the sentence by putting a comma (,) before the coordinating conjunction Except for and.

A compound sentence is formed with:

Independent clause + coordinating Conjunction + Independent Clause.

` The following sample sentences indicate how coordinating conjunctions work to make compound sentences. In each sentence, the coordinating conjunction is underlined.

1. George has applied for a scholarship, and Diane has requested financial aid.

( ……………………………………).

1. Students may live in the dormitories, or they may live in off-campus housing. (………………………………….).
2. Gerry has completed two math courses, but he must still take calculus. (……………………..).
3. Ron completed his homework early, so he decided to go to go to the party. (………………………..).
4. Foreign students must take English classes, for they must be able to communicate easily in speaking and writing. (…………………………..).
5. I have taken two finals, yet I must take two more this week. (………………………..).
6. Many students do not like to study for tests, nor do they like to write term papers. (…………………….. in both clauses).

**Note:** In the last sentence, the word order after nor is that of a typical English question. This is standard practice for this conjunction.

**Complex Sentences**

A [complex sentence](https://academicguides.waldenu.edu/writingcenter/scholarlyvoice/sentencestructure#s-lg-box-2835546) contains at least oneindependent clause and at least one dependent clause. Dependent clauses can refer to the subject (who, which) the sequence/time (since, while), or the causal elements (because, if) of the independent clause.

If a sentence begins with a dependent clause, note the comma after this clause. If, on the other hand, the sentence begins with an independent clause, there is not a comma separating the two clauses.

Here are a few examples:

* *Although she completed her literature review*, **she still needed to work on her methods section.**
  + Note the comma in this sentence because it begins with a dependent clause.
* *Because he organized his sources by theme*, **it was easier for his readers to follow.**
  + Note the comma in this sentence because it begins with a dependent clause.
* **They studied APA rules for many hours** *as they were so interesting***.** 
  + Note that there is no comma in this sentence because it begins with an independent clause.

**Compound-Complex Sentences**

Sentence types can also be combined. A compound-complex sentence contains at least two independent clauses and at least one dependent clause.

* **She completed her literature review**, **but she still needs to work on her methods section** *even though she finished her methods course last semester***.**
* *Although he organized his sources by theme*, **he decided to arrange them chronologically**, and **he carefully followed the MEAL plan for organization.**
* *With pizza and soda at hand*, **they studied APA rules for many hours**, and **they decided that writing in APA made sense** *because it was clear, concise, and objective***.**
* Pay close attention to [comma](https://academicguides.waldenu.edu/writingcenter/punctuation/commas) usage in complex-compound sentences so that the reader is easily able to follow the intended meaning.

**PRACTICE**

**1/Join these sentences with the coordinating conjunction and** or **but**.

[1. My aunt has a son. My aunty has two daughters. …………………………………………………](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#1-my-aunt-has-a-son-my-aunty-has-two-daughters)

[2. The naughty boy took a stone. He threw it at a bird.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#2-the-naughty-boy-took-a-stone-he-threw-it-at-a-bird)

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[3. The fisherman is poor. The fisherman is honest.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#3-the-fisherman-is-poor-the-fisherman-is-honest)

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[4. We hailed a taxi. The driver did not see us.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#4-we-hailed-a-taxi-the-driver-did-not-see-us)

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[5. Eagles are birds. Hawks are birds.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#5-eagles-are-birds-hawks-are-birds)

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6. He ran very fast in the race. He slipped and fell. .

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[7. I went to the grocery store. The grocery store was closed.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#7-i-went-to-the-grocery-store-the-grocery-store-was-closed)

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[8. He opened his wallet. He took out some money.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#8-he-opened-his-wallet-he-took-out-some-money)

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[9. He went to the plum tree. He plucked a few plums.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#9-he-went-to-the-plum-tree-he-plucked-a-few-plums)

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[10. The street musician played his music loud. Nobody listened to him.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#10-the-street-musician-played-his-music-loud-nobody-listened-to-him)

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[11. He owns a motor-cycle. He does not own a car.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#11-he-owns-a-motor-cycle-he-does-not-own-a-car)

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[12. She turned off the television. She went to bed.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#12-she-turned-off-the-television-she-went-to-bed)

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[13. The farmer walked to the gate. He closed it.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#13-the-farmer-walked-to-the-gate-he-closed-it)

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[14. Will you have an orange? Will you have an apple?](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#14-will-you-have-an-orange-will-you-have-an-apple)

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[15. My family went to the cinema. I stayed at home.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#15-my-family-went-to-the-cinema-i-stayed-at-home)

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[16. The actor was tall. The actor was handsome.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#16-the-actor-was-tall-the-actor-was-handsome)

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[17. He always sleeps early. He gets up late.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#17-he-always-sleeps-early-he-gets-up-late)

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[18. I met Debby yesterday. I met her cousin yesterday.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#18-i-met-debby-yesterday-i-met-her-cousin-yesterday)

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[19. Mrs. Collins is old. Her husband is young.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#19-mrs-collins-is-old-her-husband-is-young)

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[20. He ran to the telephone booth. He called the police.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#20-he-ran-to-the-telephone-booth-he-called-the-police)

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[21. I called her. She could not recognize me.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#21-i-called-her-she-could-not-recognize-me)

[22. Tony changed his clothes. He went out again.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#22-tony-changed-his-clothes-he-went-out-again)

[23. The child fell. She hurt her head.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#23-the-child-fell-she-hurt-her-head)

[24. Peter is rude. He is also lazy.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#24-peter-is-rude-he-is-also-lazy)

[25. They have the tool. None of them knows how to use it.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#25-they-have-the-tool-none-of-them-knows-how-to-use-it)

[26. Lina would like to study abroad. She cannot afford it.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#26-lina-would-like-to-study-abroad-she-cannot-afford-it)

[27. The audience stood up. They clapped their hands.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#27-the-audience-stood-up-they-clapped-their-hands)

[28. We thought she was asleep. She was only pretending.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#28-we-thought-she-was-asleep-she-was-only-pretending)

[29. The boys were angry. They were also disappointed.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#29-the-boys-were-angry-they-were-also-disappointed)

[30. You should buy that blue suit. Also the coat. Does the coat fit you well?](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/711-coordinating-conjunction-and-but.html#30-you-should-buy-that-blue-suit-also-the-coat-does-the-coat-fit-you-well)

**2/Use one the following coordinating conjunctions to fill each blan**k:**for** ,**nor**,**or**,**so**,**yet**.

[1. Walk quickly \_\_\_\_\_ you will be late.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/714-coordinating-conjunction-for-nor-or-so-yet.html#1-walk-quickly-_____-you-will-be-late)

[2. It looks a genuine piece of antique, \_\_\_\_\_ it's a fake.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/714-coordinating-conjunction-for-nor-or-so-yet.html#2-it-looks-a-genuine-piece-of-antique-_____-it-s-a-fake)

[3. We avoid the library on Sundays, \_\_\_\_\_ it's always crowded.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/714-coordinating-conjunction-for-nor-or-so-yet.html#3-we-avoid-the-library-on-sundays-_____-it-s-always-crowded)

[4. Jack can't come over tomorrow and \_\_\_\_\_ can Jill.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/714-coordinating-conjunction-for-nor-or-so-yet.html#4-jack-can-t-come-over-tomorrow-and-_____-can-jill)

[5. I heard a noise \_\_\_\_\_ I turned the light on.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/714-coordinating-conjunction-for-nor-or-so-yet.html#5-i-heard-a-noise-_____-i-turned-the-light-on)

[6. It's almost time for the train to depart but we have not bought our tickets \_\_\_\_\_.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/714-coordinating-conjunction-for-nor-or-so-yet.html#6-it-s-almost-time-for-the-train-to-depart-but-we-have-not-bought-our-tickets-_____)

[7. They handed him to the police, \_\_\_\_\_ he was caught stealing from a woman.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/714-coordinating-conjunction-for-nor-or-so-yet.html#7-they-handed-him-to-the-police-_____-he-was-caught-stealing-from-a-woman)

[8. They believed the dark figure they saw that night was neither a ghost \_\_\_\_\_ a human.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/714-coordinating-conjunction-for-nor-or-so-yet.html#8-they-believed-the-dark-figure-they-saw-that-night-was-neither-a-ghost-_____-a-human)

[9. She said she was very angry, \_\_\_\_\_ she was smiling.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/714-coordinating-conjunction-for-nor-or-so-yet.html#9-she-said-she-was-very-angry-_____-she-was-smiling)

[10. We told him to stop reading and turn off the light \_\_\_\_\_ we can sleep.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/714-coordinating-conjunction-for-nor-or-so-yet.html#10-we-told-him-to-stop-reading-and-turn-off-the-light-_____-we-can-sleep)

[11. Those thugs must be arrested \_\_\_\_\_ they will not continue to terrorize the residents here.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/714-coordinating-conjunction-for-nor-or-so-yet.html#11-those-thugs-must-be-arrested-_____-they-will-not-continue-to-terrorize-the-residents-here)

[12. Do you know if Michael is working \_\_\_\_\_ on leave today?](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/714-coordinating-conjunction-for-nor-or-so-yet.html#12-do-you-know-if-michael-is-working-_____-on-leave-today)

[13. "We would have neither fruits \_\_\_\_\_ ice-cream for dessert," we told the waitress.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/714-coordinating-conjunction-for-nor-or-so-yet.html#13-we-would-have-neither-fruits-_____-ice-cream-for-dessert-we-told-the-waitress)

[14. You asked for more time, \_\_\_\_\_ you were not able to complete the job on time.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/714-coordinating-conjunction-for-nor-or-so-yet.html#14-you-asked-for-more-time-_____-you-were-not-able-to-complete-the-job-on-time)

[15. The injured boy must receive medical attention at once \_\_\_\_\_ he will die.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/714-coordinating-conjunction-for-nor-or-so-yet.html#15-the-injured-boy-must-receive-medical-attention-at-once-_____-he-will-die)

[16. "Lower your voice \_\_\_\_\_ the others will not know of our plan."](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/714-coordinating-conjunction-for-nor-or-so-yet.html#16-lower-your-voice-_____-the-others-will-not-know-of-our-plan)

[17. His face is slightly swollen, \_\_\_\_\_ he got into a fight with someone.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/714-coordinating-conjunction-for-nor-or-so-yet.html#17-his-face-is-slightly-swollen-_____-he-got-into-a-fight-with-someone)

[18. After the argument he never saw her again, \_\_\_\_\_ did he miss her.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/714-coordinating-conjunction-for-nor-or-so-yet.html#18-after-the-argument-he-never-saw-her-again-_____-did-he-miss-her)

[19. None of us could tell if the Panda was male \_\_\_\_\_ female.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/714-coordinating-conjunction-for-nor-or-so-yet.html#19-none-of-us-could-tell-if-the-panda-was-male-_____-female)

[20. We felt like we had arrived, \_\_\_\_\_ according to the driver we're still five miles from the city.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/714-coordinating-conjunction-for-nor-or-so-yet.html#20-we-felt-like-we-had-arrived-_____-according-to-the-driver-we-re-still-five-miles-from-the-city)

**5 /Use one the following coordinating conjunctions to fill each blank**:**although** ,**because**,**since**,**unless**,**until**,**when**.

[1. His grandpa said the climate was different \_\_\_\_\_ he was young.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/721-subordinating-conjunction.html#1-his-grandpa-said-the-climate-was-different-_____-he-was-young)

[2. He has been feeling sick \_\_\_\_\_ he came back from holiday.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/721-subordinating-conjunction.html#2-he-has-been-feeling-sick-_____-he-came-back-from-holiday)

[3. Let us wait in the bookshop \_\_\_\_\_ the rain stops.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/721-subordinating-conjunction.html#3-let-us-wait-in-the-bookshop-_____-the-rain-stops)

[4. You cannot be a lawyer \_\_\_\_\_ you have a law degree.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/721-subordinating-conjunction.html#4-you-cannot-be-a-lawyer-_____-you-have-a-law-degree)

[5. She has not called \_\_\_\_\_ she left last week.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/721-subordinating-conjunction.html#5-she-has-not-called-_____-she-left-last-week)

[6. He was angry \_\_\_\_\_ he heard when happened.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/721-subordinating-conjunction.html#6-he-was-angry-_____-he-heard-when-happened)

[7. He had to retire \_\_\_\_\_ of ill health.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/721-subordinating-conjunction.html#7-he-had-to-retire-_____-of-ill-health)

[8. We will go swimming next Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ it's raining.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/721-subordinating-conjunction.html#8-we-will-go-swimming-next-sunday-_____-it-s-raining)

[9. I don't understand how she can say she's happy \_\_\_\_\_ she looks so sad.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/721-subordinating-conjunction.html#9-i-don-t-understand-how-she-can-say-she-s-happy-_____-she-looks-so-sad)

[10. \_\_\_\_\_ the car is old it still runs well.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/721-subordinating-conjunction.html#10-_____-the-car-is-old-it-still-runs-well)

[11. She will die \_\_\_\_\_ the doctors operate immediately.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/721-subordinating-conjunction.html#11-she-will-die-_____-the-doctors-operate-immediately)

[12. He did not attend the meeting \_\_\_\_\_ he was sick.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/721-subordinating-conjunction.html#12-he-did-not-attend-the-meeting-_____-he-was-sick)

[13. I always trust Ray \_\_\_\_\_ he is my son.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/721-subordinating-conjunction.html#13-i-always-trust-ray-_____-he-is-my-son)

[14. The little boy can lift the box \_\_\_\_\_ it is quite heavy.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/721-subordinating-conjunction.html#14-the-little-boy-can-lift-the-box-_____-it-is-quite-heavy)

[15. It had not rained for weeks \_\_\_\_\_ the villagers had been praying every day for the rain.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/721-subordinating-conjunction.html#15-it-had-not-rained-for-weeks-_____-the-villagers-had-been-praying-every-day-for-the-rain)

[16. The baby cried \_\_\_\_\_ its mother woke up.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/721-subordinating-conjunction.html#16-the-baby-cried-_____-its-mother-woke-up)

[17. The boy could not reach the book \_\_\_\_\_ it was on the top shelf.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/721-subordinating-conjunction.html#17-the-boy-could-not-reach-the-book-_____-it-was-on-the-top-shelf)

[18. The police had not arrived \_\_\_\_\_ the accident caused a long traffic jam.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/721-subordinating-conjunction.html#18-the-police-had-not-arrived-_____-the-accident-caused-a-long-traffic-jam)

[19. She won the contest \_\_\_\_\_ she was the best candidate.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/721-subordinating-conjunction.html#19-she-won-the-contest-_____-she-was-the-best-candidate)

[20. They blamed the referee \_\_\_\_\_ they lost the match.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/721-subordinating-conjunction.html#20-they-blamed-the-referee-_____-they-lost-the-match)

6**/Each correlative conjunctions comes in a pair of words. Use one of the following pairs to complete each sentence**:  
**either … or**, **neither … nor**, **both . . . and**, **not only . . . also**, **not only . . . but also** , **whether … or**

[1. "Could I come over at \_\_\_\_\_ three \_\_\_\_\_ four o'clock?" asked Joan.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/731-correlative-conjunction-i.html#1-could-i-come-over-at-_____-three-_____-four-o-clock-asked-joan)

[2. The teacher refused to mark his work because his book was \_\_\_\_\_ torn \_\_\_\_\_ dirty.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/731-correlative-conjunction-i.html#2-the-teacher-refused-to-mark-his-work-because-his-book-was-_____-torn-_____-dirty)

[3. I really need a holiday but \_\_\_\_\_ in Spain \_\_\_\_\_ France.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/731-correlative-conjunction-i.html#3-i-really-need-a-holiday-but-_____-in-spain-_____-france)

[4. I'm going to fish tomorrow, \_\_\_\_\_ it rains \_\_\_\_\_ shines.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/731-correlative-conjunction-i.html#4-i-m-going-to-fish-tomorrow-_____-it-rains-_____-shines)

[5. \_\_\_\_\_ did he borrow a lot of money from us, he \_\_\_\_\_ refused to pay back a single cent.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/731-correlative-conjunction-i.html#5-_____-did-he-borrow-a-lot-of-money-from-us-he-_____-refused-to-pay-back-a-single-cent)

[6. The children at the centre can \_\_\_\_\_ hear \_\_\_\_\_ speak.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/731-correlative-conjunction-i.html#6-the-children-at-the-centre-can-_____-hear-_____-speak)

[7. She employs a maid to do \_\_\_\_\_ the cooking \_\_\_\_\_ washing for her family.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/731-correlative-conjunction-i.html#7-she-employs-a-maid-to-do-_____-the-cooking-_____-washing-for-her-family)

[8. We have enough spices for only one type of curry. We can cook \_\_\_\_\_ chicken curry \_\_\_\_\_ mutton curry.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/731-correlative-conjunction-i.html#8-we-have-enough-spices-for-only-one-type-of-curry-we-can-cook-_____-chicken-curry-_____-mutton-curry)

[9. The boy is really talented. He \_\_\_\_\_ knows how to play the piano \_\_\_\_\_ can also compose music.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/731-correlative-conjunction-i.html#9-the-boy-is-really-talented-he-_____-knows-how-to-play-the-piano-_____-can-also-compose-music)

[10. I do not like him. He is \_\_\_\_\_ rude \_\_\_\_\_ selfish.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/731-correlative-conjunction-i.html#10-i-do-not-like-him-he-is-_____-rude-_____-selfish)

[11. We do not know \_\_\_\_\_ it's you \_\_\_\_\_ me who will have to do it.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/731-correlative-conjunction-i.html#11-we-do-not-know-_____-it-s-you-_____-me-who-will-have-to-do-it)

[12. Each class is to present \_\_\_\_\_ a drama \_\_\_\_\_ a song for the concert.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/731-correlative-conjunction-i.html#12-each-class-is-to-present-_____-a-drama-_____-a-song-for-the-concert)

[13. The invitation is for two persons, so \_\_\_\_\_ Jack \_\_\_\_\_ his wife can attend the function.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/731-correlative-conjunction-i.html#13-the-invitation-is-for-two-persons-so-_____-jack-_____-his-wife-can-attend-the-function)

[14. We are waiting for the boys. \_\_\_\_\_ Roy \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph has come yet.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/731-correlative-conjunction-i.html#14-we-are-waiting-for-the-boys-_____-roy-_____-joseph-has-come-yet)

[15. Alfred \_\_\_\_\_ got up late this morning \_\_\_\_\_ missed the train.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/731-correlative-conjunction-i.html#15-alfred-_____-got-up-late-this-morning-_____-missed-the-train)

[16. "Why is the baby crying?" "\_\_\_\_\_ she is hungry \_\_\_\_\_ her nappy needs changing."](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/731-correlative-conjunction-i.html#16-why-is-the-baby-crying-_____-she-is-hungry-_____-her-nappy-needs-changing)

[17. \_\_\_\_\_ we go now \_\_\_\_\_ in an hour's time, it doesn't matter as it's still very early.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/731-correlative-conjunction-i.html#17-_____-we-go-now-_____-in-an-hour-s-time-it-doesn-t-matter-as-it-s-still-very-early)

[18. Our Yellow House was \_\_\_\_\_ first \_\_\_\_\_ last in this year's sports.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/731-correlative-conjunction-i.html#18-our-yellow-house-was-_____-first-_____-last-in-this-year-s-sports)

[19. "Oh, dear! I have left \_\_\_\_\_ my purse \_\_\_\_\_ keys in the other bag," said Jean.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/731-correlative-conjunction-i.html#19-oh-dear-i-have-left-_____-my-purse-_____-keys-in-the-other-bag-said-jean)

[20. \_\_\_\_\_ you ask Mary \_\_\_\_\_ Lucy, she will give you the same answer.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/731-correlative-conjunction-i.html#20-_____-you-ask-mary-_____-lucy-she-will-give-you-the-same-answer)

**7/Use one of the following correlative conjunctions to complete each sentence**:  
**either … or**, **neither … nor**, **both . . . and**, **not only . . . also**, **not only . . . but also** , **whether … or**

[1. The father was \_\_\_\_\_ disappointed \_\_\_\_\_ angry with his son's exam results.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/732-correlative-conjunction-ii.html#1-the-father-was-_____-disappointed-_____-angry-with-his-son-s-exam-results)

[2. We are going to watch \_\_\_\_\_ the documentary \_\_\_\_\_ the current affairs programme](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/732-correlative-conjunction-ii.html#2-we-are-going-to-watch-_____-the-documentary-_____-the-current-affairs-programme)

[3. "Would you marry a man who has \_\_\_\_\_ fame \_\_\_\_\_ money?" Mary asked her best friend.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/732-correlative-conjunction-ii.html#3-would-you-marry-a-man-who-has-_____-fame-_____-money-mary-asked-her-best-friend)

[4. The boss \_\_\_\_\_ came in late, he was \_\_\_\_\_ in a bad mood.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/732-correlative-conjunction-ii.html#4-the-boss-_____-came-in-late-he-was-_____-in-a-bad-mood)

[5. Mother said, "You \_\_\_\_\_ help me prepare dinner \_\_\_\_\_ do your homework."](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/732-correlative-conjunction-ii.html#5-mother-said-you-_____-help-me-prepare-dinner-_____-do-your-homework)

[6. The police are investigating \_\_\_\_\_ the fire was started by someone \_\_\_\_\_ by other causes](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/732-correlative-conjunction-ii.html#6-the-police-are-investigating-_____-the-fire-was-started-by-someone-_____-by-other-causes)

[7. Bill was so worried about his missing daughter that he could \_\_\_\_\_ sleep \_\_\_\_\_ eat properly.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/732-correlative-conjunction-ii.html#7-bill-was-so-worried-about-his-missing-daughter-that-he-could-_____-sleep-_____-eat-properly)

[8. \_\_\_\_\_ does she run her own business, \_\_\_\_\_ (she) does a lot of work for charity.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/732-correlative-conjunction-ii.html#8-_____-does-she-run-her-own-business-_____-she-does-a-lot-of-work-for-charity)

[9. \_\_\_\_\_ my mother \_\_\_\_\_ my aunt are twin sisters.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/732-correlative-conjunction-ii.html#9-_____-my-mother-_____-my-aunt-are-twin-sisters)

[10. She said she's going to marry him \_\_\_\_\_ her parents like it \_\_\_\_\_ not.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/732-correlative-conjunction-ii.html#10-she-said-she-s-going-to-marry-him-_____-her-parents-like-it-_____-not)

[11. We are required to sit for \_\_\_\_\_ the Mechanics paper \_\_\_\_\_ the Statistics paper.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/732-correlative-conjunction-ii.html#11-we-are-required-to-sit-for-_____-the-mechanics-paper-_____-the-statistics-paper)

[12. Since their dad died, \_\_\_\_\_ Roy \_\_\_\_\_ his brother have done a lot of drinking.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/732-correlative-conjunction-ii.html#12-since-their-dad-died-_____-roy-_____-his-brother-have-done-a-lot-of-drinking)

[13. The intruder \_\_\_\_\_ robbed his victim, he \_\_\_\_\_ shot him dead.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/732-correlative-conjunction-ii.html#13-the-intruder-_____-robbed-his-victim-he-_____-shot-him-dead)

[14. \_\_\_\_\_ the workers \_\_\_\_\_ their supervisor is to be blamed for the accident.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/732-correlative-conjunction-ii.html#14-_____-the-workers-_____-their-supervisor-is-to-be-blamed-for-the-accident)

[15. If the firefighters fail to put out the fire it will spread \_\_\_\_\_to our houses, \_\_\_\_\_ the row of retail stores.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/732-correlative-conjunction-ii.html#15-if-the-firefighters-fail-to-put-out-the-fire-it-will-spread-_____to-our-houses-_____-the-row-of-retail-stores)

[16. The court will decide \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ not she is guilty of using the gun to kill him in self-defence.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/732-correlative-conjunction-ii.html#16-the-court-will-decide-_____-_____-not-she-is-guilty-of-using-the-gun-to-kill-him-in-self-defence)

[17. You can colour the design with \_\_\_\_\_ crayons \_\_\_\_\_ paints.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/732-correlative-conjunction-ii.html#17-you-can-colour-the-design-with-_____-crayons-_____-paints)

[18. \_\_\_\_\_ did the team lose the match, it \_\_\_\_\_ had one player sent off.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/732-correlative-conjunction-ii.html#18-_____-did-the-team-lose-the-match-it-_____-had-one-player-sent-off)

[19. You must have been \_\_\_\_\_ daydreaming \_\_\_\_\_ sleeping in class again.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/732-correlative-conjunction-ii.html#19-you-must-have-been-_____-daydreaming-_____-sleeping-in-class-again)

[20. You are \_\_\_\_\_ a wonderful husband \_\_\_\_\_ a loving father.](http://myenglishgrammar.com/exercise-7-conjunctions/732-correlative-conjunction-ii.html#20-you-are-_____-a-wonderful-husband-_____-a-loving-father)

**4/**The sentences in this exercise have been adapted from poems in two books by Shel Silverstein: "Where the Sidewalk Ends" and "Falling Up." Identify each of the following sentences as simple, compound, complex, or compound-complex The name of the poem from which the example is taken is listed in parentheses after each sentence.

1. I made an airplane out of stone. ("Stone Airplane")
2. I put a piece of cantaloupe underneath the microscope. ("Nope")
3. Oaties stay oaty, and Wheat Chex stay floaty, and nothing can take the puff out of Puffed Rice. ("Cereal")
4. While fishing in the blue lagoon, I caught a lovely silverfish. ("The Silver Fish")
5. They say if you step on a crack, you will break your mother's back. ("Sidewalking")
6. They just had a contest for scariest mask, and I was the wild and daring one who won the contest for scariest mask—and (sob) I'm not even wearing one. ("Best Mask?")
7. My voice was raspy, rough, and cracked. ("Little Hoarse")
8. I opened my eyes and looked up at the rain, and it dripped in my head and flowed into my brain. ("Rain")
9. They say that once in Zanzibar a boy stuck out his tongue so far that it reached the heavens and touched a star, which burned him rather badly. ("The Tongue Sticker-Outer")
10. I'm going to Camp Wonderful beside Lake Paradise across from Blissful Mountain in the Valley of the Nice. ("Camp Wonderful")
11. I joke with the bats and have intimate chats with the cooties who crawl through my hair ("The Dirtiest Man in the World")
12. The animals snarled and screeched and growled and whinnied and whimpered and hooted and howled and gobbled up the whole ice cream stand. ("Ice Cream Stop")
13. The antlers of a standing moose, as everybody knows, are just the perfect place to hang your wet and drippy clothes. ("A Use for a Moose")
14. We'll walk with a walk that is measured and slow, and we'll go where the chalk-white arrows go. ("Where the Sidewalk Ends")
15. If I had a brontosaurus, I would name him Horace or Morris. ("If I Had a Brontosaurus")
16. I am writing these poems from inside a lion, and it's rather dark in here. ("It's Dark in Here")
17. A piece of sky broke off and fell through the crack in the ceiling right into my soup. ("Sky Seasoning")
18. The grungy, grumpy, grouchy Giant grew tired of his frowny pout and hired me and Lee to lift the corners of his crumblin' mouth. ("The Smile Makers")
19. If you were only one inch tall, you'd ride a worm to school. ("One Inch Tall")
20. The traffic light simply would not turn green, so the people stopped to wait as the traffic rolled and the wind blew cold, and the hour grew dark and late. ("Traffic Light")