

Compound Conjunctions

Introduction

1) Conjunctions are words that link other words, phrases, clauses, or sentences together.

*Susan is an amazing wife **and** a wonderful mom.*

2) There are many types of conjunctions. Among them there are compound conjunctions. They are phrases which are used as conjunctions. A compound conjunction has two or three words that go together – *so that, as long as, even though etc.*

*You can buy whatever you want **as long as** you use your own money.*

Even though compound conjunctions have two or three words that go together, they are different from correlative conjunctions which are conjunctions used only in pairs. Compare the sentences:

*Beth likes painting **as well as** drawing.*

*Beth thinks that you can be good **either** at painting **or** at drawing.*

There are several commonly used compound conjunctions:

*You can buy clothes **as well as** shoes there. (You can buy clothes and shoes there.)*

***As soon as** it started raining, they opened the windows in the apartment. (It started raining and they immediately opened the windows.)*

*The kid sang so loudly **as if/as though** there was no one in the room. (The kids sang so loudly like there was no one in the room.)*

***Even if/Even though** I don't like plain honey, I'll eat sweets with honey in them. (I don't like plain honey but nevertheless I'll eat sweets with honey in them.)*

*John will pass the test **provided that** he studies every day. (If John studies every day, he'll pass the test.)*

*I'll turn off my phone **so that** no one disturbs us.*

*Please turn off your phones **in order that** we are not disturbed by anyone. (**in order that** is more formal than **so that**)*

Short Story Dialogue

- Could you hurry up **so that** we don't miss the movie?*
- Give me a minute! It's not **as if** I'm being late on purpose!*
- Well, you could have started getting dressed earlier then. If we don't leave now, we'll miss the movie **as well as** our cab. It's waiting for us outside.*
- OK, I'm coming! See, it didn't take that long.*

Independent Practice - Compound Conjunctions

1) Fill in the gaps with the words and phrases in the box.

<i>if</i>	<i>soon</i>	<i>that</i>	<i>even</i>	<i>in</i>
<i>otherwise</i>	<i>provided</i>	<i>even though</i>	<i>as</i>	<i>as soon</i>

- a. Jack is always so dramatic as ... he were a soap opera actor. I don't understand why he is like that.
- b. ... as they broke up, they both started dating other people. I can't wrap my head around it.
- c. Sam works full-time ... well as takes care of everything at home. He is a wonderful husband!
- d. ... that you sign the contract, we can discuss the project details.
- e. You can buy a new car provided that you get a part-time job. ... you can't afford it.
- f. Liz always calls her parents during the day ... there is a huge time difference. She is in the States now, and they're in Australia.
- g. Kate always eats breakfast ... if she is late to work.
- h. I'd rather come to work earlier so ... I don't have to experience the rush hour ever again.
- i. She left the room in tears as ... as he started shouting at her.
- j. The papers should be ready today ... order that we can estimate the costs.

Independent Practice: Answers - Compound Conjunctions

1) Fill in the gaps with the words and phrases in the box.

- a. Jack is always so dramatic as **if** he were a soap opera actor. I don't understand why he is like that.
- b. **As soon** as they broke up, they both started dating other people. I can't wrap my head around it.
- c. Sam works full-time **as** well as takes care of everything at home. He is a wonderful husband!
- d. **Provided** that you sign the contract, we can discuss the project details.
- e. You can buy a new car provided that you get a part-time job. **Otherwise** you can't afford it.
- f. Liz always calls her parents during the day **even though** there is a huge time difference. She is in the States now, and they're in Australia.
- g. Kate always eats breakfast **even** if she is late to work.
- h. I'd rather come to work earlier so **that** I don't have to experience the rush hour ever again.
- i. She left the room in tears as **soon** as he started shouting at her.
- j. The papers should be ready today **in** order that we can estimate the costs.