Conjunctions

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: A **conjunction** is a joining word. It joins words or ideas: *and* adds, *but* shows a difference, *or* gives a choice, *so* tells what happened because of something. Other conjunctions include *because*, *when*, *before*, *after* and *if*.

Conjunctions are glue: they stick two ideas together into one sentence.

1. Circle the conjunction

Each sentence has one conjunction. Circle it.



1. I fed the dog and gave him fresh water.
2. We can play inside or go to the park.
3. Ella was nervous, but she sang her song.
4. The road was icy, so Dad drove slowly.
5. I wear a hat because the sun is hot.
6. We will eat dinner after Mom gets home.
7. Brush your teeth before you go to bed.
8. You can have dessert if you finish your peas.

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2. Choose the conjunction

Circle the conjunction that fits best.

1. Do you want milk _____ juice? — or / so / because
2. I stayed home _____ I had a cold. — or / because / but
3. The movie was long, _____ it was exciting. — but / or / because
4. We packed snacks _____ water for the hike. — but / so / and
5. I will call you _____ I get home. — when / or / but
6. The lights went out, _____ we lit a candle. — or / so / because

Answer Key

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2. I stayed home **because** I had a cold. — or / **because** / but
3. The movie was long, **but** it was exciting. — **but** / or / because
4. We packed snacks **and** water for the hike. — but / so / **and**
5. I will call you **when** I get home. — **when** / or / but
6. The lights went out, **so** we lit a candle. — or / **so** / because