

# **Using Coordinating Conjunctions**

### Practice 1

**Instructions.** Based on <u>this lesson</u>, use the appropriate coordinating conjunction and punctuation to complete the blanks in the sentences below.

Coordinating conjunctions: and, but, for, nor, or, so, and yet.

When you are done, see "Answer Key" to check your answers.

- You should bring water and snacks for the trip \_\_\_\_\_\_ we won't make any stops until we get there.
- 2. You can drive \_\_\_\_\_ you can walk there with me. It's up to you.
- 3. I forgot we had a test that day \_\_\_\_\_ I didn't study \_\_\_\_\_ earned a failing score.
- 4. The children are really hungry \_\_\_\_\_ I don't feel like cooking. Let's go eat out.
- 5. I didn't have any cash on me \_\_\_\_\_ did I have my bank card \_\_\_\_\_ I had to wait until I got home to have something to eat.
- 6. It rained all weekend \_\_\_\_\_\_ we still had fun on our 4th of July trip to the lake.
- 7. The flight was miserable. There was a terrible storm \_\_\_\_\_\_ the plane was delayed for two hours. I hadn't slept well the night before \_\_\_\_\_\_ I was exhausted. John felt sick the whole time \_\_\_\_\_\_ the children were restless. We were all very happy when the plane finally landed.
- 8. Where were you this morning? I came by your office twice \_\_\_\_\_\_ you were nowhere to be found. You didn't answer your phone \_\_\_\_\_\_ did you reply to my text messages.
- The researchers had to cancel the study \_\_\_\_\_\_ they could not find enough volunteers for the experiment.
- 10. I didn't go to the grocery store yesterday \_\_\_\_\_\_ we don't have much to eat at home. We can order pizza \_\_\_\_\_\_ go out to eat.

## **Answer Key**

In the answers below, pay close attention to the use of punctuation with the coordinating conjunctions.

- 1. You should bring water and snacks for the trip, **for** we won't make any stops until we get there.
- 2. You can drive, or you can walk there with me. It's up to you.
- 3. I forgot we had a test that day, so I didn't study and earned a failing score.
- 4. The children are really hungry, **but** I don't feel like cooking. Let's go eat out.
- 5. I didn't have any cash on me, **nor** did I have my bank card, **so** I had to wait until I got home to have something to eat.
- 6. It rained all weekend, **but** we still had fun on our 4th of July trip to the lake. It rained all weekend, yet we still had fun on our 4th of July trip to the lake.
- 7. ... There was a terrible storm, **so** the plane was delayed for two hours.
  - ... There was a terrible storm, and the plane was delayed for two hours.
  - ... I hadn't slept well the night before, so I was exhausted.
  - ... John felt sick the whole time, and the children were restless...
- 8. Where were you this morning? I came by your office twice, **but** you were nowhere to be found. You didn't answer your phone, **nor** did you reply to my text messages.
- 9. The researchers had to cancel the study, for they could not find enough volunteers for the experiment.
- 10. I didn't go to the grocery store yesterday, so we don't have much to eat at home. We can order pizza or go out to eat.

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