

Using *And*, *But*, and *Or*

Everglades Forever
 Grammar: Conjunctions

Conjunctions are words that connect other words or groups of words in a sentence. The words *and*, *but*, and *or* are coordinating conjunctions. *And* joins together. *But* shows contrast. *Or* shows choice.

conjunction

Alligators use their tails and feet to dig holes in the shore.

Thinking Question

What word's function is to connect other words or groups of words in a sentence?

1–5. Underline the conjunction in each sentence. Tell whether it connects subjects, predicates, direct objects, or sentences.

1. Soon the animals will need to migrate, or they will die.
2. The mangrove trees have special roots and bark.
3. Lichen spreads on the tree but does not kill it.
4. Marlberry bushes and cabbage palms cover the land.
5. The heron caught the fish, but the egret stole it.

6–10. Write the conjunction that best performs the function shown in parentheses.

6. Crocodiles quietly watch wait for their prey. (joins together)
7. A hawk dove into the river did not catch the fish. (shows contrast)
8. You can conserve water by taking shorter showers by doing full laundry loads. (shows choice)
9. Plants animals rely on each other in the wild. (joins together)
10. Governments businesses must cooperate to achieve conservation goals. (joins together)