

Coordinating Conjunctions

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2. My dad said I can play football or I can play basketball.
3. My brother wanted to have vanilla ice cream but there was only strawberry ice cream left in the freezer.

For each sentence, add a suitable conjunction:

1. The builder worked really hard on the project _____ the house would sell for the highest possible price at auction.
2. My dog, Sasha, refuses to eat chicken _____ does she like the taste of sausages.
3. The flowers in the garden were beautiful _____ I couldn't go close to them because of my allergies.

For each set of sentences below, choose the best conjunction (you may need to rewrite it slightly):

1. Benjamin played with his cat. Mary walked her dog.

2. My friend used live bait when he went fishing. He thinks it catches the biggest fish.

3. I wanted to go to the movies. Mum would not allow me.

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1. **and**
2. **or**
3. **but**

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Now write 2 sentences of your own using coordinating conjunctions.

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