

Conjunctions in compound sentences

A compound sentence has two **main clauses**. The two clauses are joined with a **conjunction**: so, and, but, for, or, nor, yet.

Write the words in brackets in the correct order. The conjunction comes after the comma.

- Ali loves his skateboard, \_\_\_\_\_ not allowed to ride it on the road. (he is **but**)
- We can go and watch a movie, \_\_\_\_\_ go out and have dinner. (can we **or**)
- They happily pulled up the boat anchor, \_\_\_\_\_ didn't catch any fish on that trip. (they **yet**)

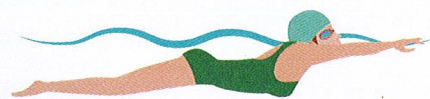
Choose a conjunction from the box to complete each sentence.

nor or but yet

- Oscar waited for the plane at the airport, \_\_\_\_\_ his flight was very late.
- Matt doesn't like playing soccer, \_\_\_\_\_ does he like cricket.
- Rock climbing can be a dangerous sport, \_\_\_\_\_ people still do it.
- Jemma has to score this goal, \_\_\_\_\_ her team won't get into the finals.

Circle the correct conjunction.

- Sheri always trained hard at swimming (yet so) she had not been rewarded.
- I dislike free diving, (nor but) I would like to try diving with a scuba tank.
- We have to learn first aid (for so) we don't know when this skill might be needed.
- She had the voice of an angel, (but so) of course she got the lead role in the musical.



Score 2 points for each correct answer!

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Synonyms

**Synonyms** are words which have the same or a similar meaning. Some words have many synonyms. Synonyms can help make our writing more interesting and expressive.

Example: old – aged, ancient, vulnerable

Word Bank

Common word	Synonyms		
do	achieve	effect	finish
have	hold	own	possess
get	gain	obtain	gather
put	place	set	attach
take	remove	seize	grasp

Find the synonym in each sentence. Then find the matching common word in the word bank and write it in the space.

- The gold miner wanted to possess a piece of gold. \_\_\_\_\_
- We needed to obtain a passport for our trip. \_\_\_\_\_
- Do not remove sand from the beach. \_\_\_\_\_
- People were asked to place their jewellery in the box. \_\_\_\_\_

Antonyms

**Antonyms** are words which are opposite in meaning to each other.

Example: big – small, tiny, minute

Match the words in the box with their antonyms.

cheap	cheerful	cruel	absent
arrive	calm	combine	bent

- sad \_\_\_\_\_
- kind \_\_\_\_\_
- windy \_\_\_\_\_
- depart \_\_\_\_\_
- expensive \_\_\_\_\_
- straight \_\_\_\_\_
- present \_\_\_\_\_
- separate \_\_\_\_\_

Score 2 points for each correct answer!

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Should Zoos Take Gorillas out of their Natural Environments?

Persuasive text – Discussion  
Author – Merryn Whitfield

There are three subspecies of gorillas living in Africa — the western lowland, eastern lowland and mountain — and all are endangered. To ensure their continued existence, it is important for us to take action. Many zoos which conduct gorilla-breeding programs use the gorillas they already hold in captivity. This might sound like a good idea, but is zoo breeding the only way to guarantee their survival?

Unfortunately, one of the main problems facing gorillas is that the species has a slow rate of reproduction. In 1995, a cooperative project between two zoos using in vitro fertilisation and embryo transfer resulted in the birth of a lowland gorilla baby. While one birth may not seem important, if more gorillas were kept in zoos, scientists could improve these techniques to hopefully increase the rate of reproduction even in the wild.

One significant advantage of working with captive gorillas is the increase in their life span. In the wild it is only 30–40 years, whereas under

the nurturing care of zookeepers a gorilla can live to the ripe old age of 60! As zoos continue to research these primates, knowledge of their ideal living conditions will improve and it is expected that gorillas' life spans will increase further.

On the other hand, animal activists claim that taking a gorilla out of its natural environment means that their diet will be altered. Gorillas are mainly herbivorous and eat 200 types of leaves, fungi, fruits and even some insects. While replicating this range of food in a zoo is almost impossible, it is also quite unnecessary. You and I are able to eat a wide range of foods but we don't need to eat all of them all of the time to stay happy and healthy.

So it appears that while zoos cannot reproduce the natural environment of gorillas, it is essential that at least some are kept in captivity so that they continue to breed and so that the species continues to exist past our own generation.

Source: Writing Centres: Persuasive Texts, Upper Primary, Blake Education.

Write or circle the correct answer.

- What are the three subspecies of gorilla living in Africa?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What is one of the main problems facing gorillas?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- What advantage is there in keeping gorillas in captivity?  
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- How long can gorillas live in captivity?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Score 2 points for each correct answer!

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5 What does herbivorous mean?

- a only eats insects
- b eats insects and plants
- c only eats plants

6 Replicate means to ...

- a copy something.
- b change something.
- c create something.

7 This text suggests that gorillas are better off in the wild.

- a True b False

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