

# Conjunctions “и”, “а”, “но”, “тоже”

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## Part 1. Conjunction “и”

Conjunctions in the Russian language are used to connect words in a sentence.

The conjunction **и** connects the components of a sentence.

Я читаю книгу  
**и** думаю.

I am reading a book and  
thinking.

Он хорошо говорит  
по-английски  
**и** по-русски.

He speaks English and Russian  
well.

Это мама **и** папа.

It's mom and dad.

## Part 2. Conjunction “но”

The conjunction **но** contrasts actions, objects and their characteristics.

Он плохо читает, **но**  
хорошо говорит  
по-немецки.

He reads German poorly,  
but he can speak it well.

Это маленький,  
**но** интересный  
город.

This is a small, but interesting  
town.

Я плохо говорю  
по-русски, **но**  
хорошо понимаю.

I speak Russian badly,  
but I understand it well.

## Part 3. Conjunction “а”

The conjunction **а** is used to give a more accurate description of an object or action, rather than to contrast them.

Москва —  
не маленький,

Меня зовут  
не Мария, **а** Марина.

Я не из Америки,  
**а** из Австралии.

**а** большой город.

Moscow is not a small,  
but a big city.

My name is not Maria,  
but Marina.

I'm not from America,  
but Australia.

## Part 4. Conjunction “тоже”

The conjunction **тоже** is used to emphasize that two objects have something in common in their characteristics or actions.

Мой папа –  
программист, я **тоже**  
программист.

Марк работает, его  
директор **тоже**  
работает.

Утром бабушка  
смотрит телевизор,  
вечером она **тоже**  
смотрит телевизор.

My dad is a programmer, and I  
am a programmer, too.

Mark is working, his director  
is also working.

Grandma watches TV in the  
morning, and she also watches  
TV in the evening.

