

CHUYÊN ĐỀ 17: CÁC TỪ NỐI (CONNECTIVES)

Các từ nối phổ biến nhất trong tiếng anh là: *and*, *but*, *or* (hoặc/ hay; “*or else*” nếu không), *so* (do đó, vì thế), *therefore* (do đó), *however* (tuy nhiên). Các từ nối này được dùng để nối hai từ, hai cụm từ hay hai mệnh đề cùng loại, chức năng hay cấu trúc.

1. And: dùng để bổ sung thông tin (additional information).

Ví dụ: This appliance is modern **and** economical. (Thiết bị này hiện đại và tiết kiệm.)

His father is a doctor **and** he works in a hospital. (Cha anh ấy là bác sĩ và ông ấy làm việc trong một bệnh viện.)

2. Or: diễn tả sự chọn lựa.

Ví dụ: Do you study Maths or Chemistry? (Bạn học toán hay vật lý?)

Does he live in the city centre or in the suburbs? (Anh ấy sống ở trung tâm thành phố hay ở ngoại ô?)

Or else (nếu không): diễn tả một điều kiện.

Ví dụ: You must hurry or (else) you'll be late for the bus? (Bạn phải nhanh lên nếu không bạn sẽ lỡ xe bus.)

3. But: nối hai ý tương phản nhau

Ví dụ: He's fat but his brother isn't. (Anh ấy mập nhưng bạn của anh ấy thì không.)

That man is famous but humble. (Người đàn ông đó nổi tiếng nhưng khiêm tốn.)

➤ **Chú ý:** *However* (tuy nhiên): diễn tả sự tương phản. Nó đồng nghĩa với *but* nhưng luôn luôn nối liền hai mệnh đề.

Ví dụ: He's over seventy; however, he's still active. (Ông ấy trên 70, tuy nhiên ông ấy vẫn năng động.)

It's raining hard; the game is, however, going on. (Trời đang mưa to; tuy nhiên trận đấu vẫn tiếp tục.)

4. So (vì thế, do đó): diễn tả hậu quả.

Ví dụ: He's busy, so he can't help you. (Anh ấy bận, do vậy anh ấy không thể giúp bạn.)

The test was easy, so most of the pupils could do it.

➤ **Chú ý:** *Therefore* (do đó, vì thế): đồng nghĩa với *so*. Nó dùng để chỉ hậu quả của một hành động.

Ví dụ: He's at the meeting now; therefore he can't answer your phone.

BÀI TẬP VẬN DỤNG

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences with *and/ but/ or/so*.

1. I would like to come, _____ I do not have time.
2. I invited him _____ his friends.
3. The door was open, _____ we could hear everything.
4. We must hurry, _____ we will be late.
5. She is kind. _____, she is rather forgetful.
6. The work was new to me. _____, it did not seem difficult.
7. We looked everywhere. _____, we could not find the keys.
8. He is old. _____, his mind is still active.
9. It was very hot. _____, we decided to go swimming.
10. It was very hot, _____ we decided to go swimming.

Exercise 2: Complete the sentences with *and/ but/ or/ so*.

1. I have invited him _____ his sister.
2. He walked up to the door _____ knocked.
3. I would rather travel by train, _____ the bus leaves earlier.
4. We were born in this village; _____, we know everyone here.
5. The sun was warm, _____ a cool breeze blew in from the sea.
6. I have read this book before; _____, I do not remember the plot.
7. They were hot _____ tired.
8. The door was locked, _____ we had to wait inside.
9. I have known her for many years _____ I understand her character well.
10. They visited many stores; _____, they could not find what they were looking for.

Exercise 3: Complete the sentences with *and/ but/ or/ so*.

1. I haven't really studied for this exam, _____ I feel a little nervous.
2. I told him not to come, _____ he came anyway.
3. He has always done well on exams, _____ this time he failed.
4. In the living room there is a TV _____ a recorder.
5. I live in a flat at the top floor; I don't have a garden, _____ I have a balcony.
6. She likes Japanese food _____ her grandson doesn't like it at all.
7. My mother is severe _____ my father is nice.
8. New York is very exciting _____ too expensive.
9. We both like sailing _____ we live near the sea.
10. There is a bed, a wardrobe _____ an armchair in my bedroom.

Exercise 4: Rewrite the sentences using *and/but/or/so*.

1. The train proceeded quickly. The train proceeded smoothly.
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2. They may leave today. They also may leave tomorrow.
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3. The child hates getting up in the morning. He also dislikes going to bed at night.
→
4. He is talented. He also has a charm.
→
5. The street is lined with oak trees. It is also lined with elm trees.
→
6. The lecture was long. In addition, it was also a boring lecture.
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7. You should choose: One, eat less; two, do more exercises.
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8. I am proud to be here. I am also happy to meet you here.
→
9. The town is historical. It is picturesque too.
→
10. We know him. We don't know his friends.
→

Exercise 5: Correct the incorrect part in each sentence.

1. We walked out of the door, down the steps and went across the street.
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2. She loves singing, dancing, and to play the piano.
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3. The wind moaned, shrieked and was howling.
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4. The music was fast, brilliant and sounded exciting.
→
5. He proposes to borrow money, open a store and going into business.
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6. The town boasts four libraries, two theaters and there are many schools.
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7. The clouds were thick, black and looked threatening.
→
8. He likes running, jumping and to ride a bicycle.
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9. They worked carefully, quickly and were quiet.

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10. The vegetables were fresh, tender and tasted delicious.

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Exercise 6: Match each part in column A with each part in column B.

	A		B
1	My sister's hand-writing is always so neat,	A	so unless someone disturbs them, an astronaut's footprints will last forever!
2	Reading is an excellent way to increase your vocabulary	B	or you'll fail the speaking test.
3	The student's essay was badly written	C	and appearance.
4	Alcohol can delay your reaction times;	D	and grammar.
5	In March of 1999, more than 130 nations signed a United Nations Treaty banning land mines;	E	therefore, you should never drink and drive.
6	Eating well is important for good health	F	but mine is a total mess.
7	The apartment is very pretty	G	and its rent is quite low.
8	You'd better work on improving your pronunciation	H	and short.
9	I'm not really interested in history,	I	but this lecture was quite interesting.
10	There is no wind on the moon,	J	However, the United States, Russia and China did not sign.

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.

Exercise 7: Rewrite the sentences, using available words.

1. It was raining. We still went to the park. (However)

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2. She put on a warm coat before going to work. The weather is cold. (Therefore)

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3. The students easily got high score in the last examination. They were well-prepared. (so)

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4. He produces things quite slowly. His products are really good. (but)

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5. She was thinking of buying a new car. Her friend convinced her to buy an used car. (but)

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6. She is loved by everybody in her factory. She is a very hard worker. (so)

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7. I felt really sick last night. I couldn't come to your party. (so)

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8. You don't do your homework. You will get a bad mark. You will be kicked out of school. (if, and)

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9. The young boy was sent home. He refused to obey the teacher. (Therefore)

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10. It cost a fortune to renovate our house. It was worth it. (However)

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ANSWER KEY

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6. However	7. However	8. However	9. Therefore	10. so

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