CONNECTORS

A connector is a word that is used to join together words, phrases, clauses or sentences. Connectors are derived from:

- **Conjunctions**: and, but, although, if, or, because, since, therefore
  
  Examples: The project was a failure since the planning was faulty. You will be forgiven if you promise not to repeat it.

- **Relative pronouns**: who, whom, whose, which, that, what
  
  Examples: That is what I meant. She is the girl who lost both her parents.

- **Relative adverbs**: where, when, how, why
  
  Examples: This is the reason why she was late. That is where the event took place.

- **Prepositions**: besides, for, after, before, since
  
  Examples: Besides Jack, Jill too is invited. She has been upset since the accident.

The connectors express the following ideas:

**Place** — I know the place where he was born.

**Time** — Look both ways before you cross the road. She feeds the cow as soon as she gets up. Dad was smiling as he came in. I always brush my teeth after my meals. Wait here until I get back. Tim listens to music while he does his Mathematics. You have grown since I last saw you.

**Addition** — It is cold and windy today. She is not only pretty but also intelligent. Ram as well as Shyam is lazy. Both Nita and Rita are twin sisters. Besides her money, she lost her passport too.
Contrast — I felt humiliated, but just walked away.
She looked carefully, yet she slipped.
Although she is ninety, she is active.

Purpose — She worked hard so that she might emerge victorious.
He is going abroad, therefore he is at the embassy.

Comparison — She is shorter than I am.
He is as tall as a giant.

Cause and Result — She lady is smiling because of the joke.
He went there since he had no option.

Alternative — Either Jack or Jill will go up the hill.
Neither Jane nor Jenny is fit for the job.

Concession — Mary kept on walking although she felt very tired.

or Contrast — You are doing quite well, though I think you could try harder.

Condition — If it rains the match will be cancelled.
You will not pass your exams unless you work hard.
WORKSHEET 11

I. Join each pair of the following sentences by adding a suitable connector. Make changes wherever necessary to keep the sentences grammatically correct. Use only the connectors given in the box. The first one is done for you.

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a) He was sentenced to imprisonment.
   He was ordered to pay a fine as well.
   Answer: Besides being sentenced to imprisonment, he was ordered to pay a fine.

b) Mother went to the shop.
   The shop was closed.

c) Sita missed the bus.
   Sita ran fast.

d) You met the girl.
   The girl is my sister.

e) You will fail.
   You do not work hard.

f) This is the house.
   The architect designed the house.

g) This is the cave.
   The wall paintings were discovered in this cave.

h) Ram has not received his mark sheet.
   Shyam has not received his mark sheet.

i) I am so tired.
   I need a break.

j) The Metro leaves every few minutes.
   We shall not be late.
II. Rewrite each of these simple sentences as one sentence using the connectors in the brackets.

a) They are only five. They’re good at using the computer. (although)
b) We trained hard. We wanted to win the race. (in order to)
c) The river was flooded. We couldn’t drive further. (so)
d) The piano was big. We couldn’t get it through the door. (so .... that).
e) It’s late. We better take a taxi. (as)
f) You can set the table. You have nothing to do. (since)
g) I invited Mike to my party. He couldn’t come. (but)
h) Jill is singing. Lue is playing the piano (and)
i) You are doing very well. He has not helped you at all. (even though)
j) This is the office. Mr Ram works here. (where)

III. Choose the correct conjunction from the bracket and fill in the blanks.

a) I bought an ice cream ___________ I was hungry (although, because, though).
b) ___________ we don’t know the way, we should look at the map (since, due to, in case).
c) Stand still ___________ I can brush your hair. (so, so that, in order to).
d) ___________ people take exercise, they become fat and stiff. (unless, if, as long as).
e) I shall enjoy the race, ___________ if I don’t win it. (although, even, though).

IV. Fill in the blanks with suitable connectors.

a) There are two people i) ___________ live in my house ii) ___________ sympathise with me iii) ___________ they can also be tough. They try to teach me things iv) ___________ are good. They do not like me to read v) ___________ they consider evil. They want me to drink milk vi) ___________ I want tea. vii) ___________ they are tied to me with the chain of love, they are angry viii) ___________ I do not come up to ix) ___________ they expect.

b) We know i) ___________ curious ants are. There are red ants ii) ___________ keep other ants as slaves. These slaves iii) ___________ are smaller in size are black. iv) ___________ they want slaves, they steal
v) ____________ belong to black ants. vi) ____________ the eggs have been hatched to produce black ants they are taught to obey vii) ____________ are made to do work. The driver ants viii) ____________ are blind, march like a big army.

V. The following passage has not been edited. There is a mistake in each line. Write the incorrect word and the corrected word.

The giant’s heart melted than he a) ____________ looked out. He thought much selfish he b) ____________ had been! He went into the garden but c) ____________ called the children. The children then d) ____________ saw him, ran away. Then the giant e) ____________ did not lose heart. He saw a child which f) ____________ could not run. The giant which had been g) ____________ so angry before, felt love. Then the other h) ____________ children did not come. The tree on whom i) ____________ the child sat broke into blossoms.

VI. In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after in your answer sheet.

I reached school in time no one a) ____________ was there. I sat in the staff room b) ____________ started reading paper. I was c) ____________ reading the paper I heard a boy d) ____________ crying from the top floor. I reached e) ____________ there he stopped crying told me f) ____________ about the fact he had been g) ____________ locked in the school building. h) ____________ I consoled him took him downstairs i) ____________ he saw his parents in the lobby j) ____________