

## Conjunctions

**Directions** Read the passage. Then read each question. Circle the letter of the correct answer.

# The Living Arctic

(1) Although you and I might not like to live in the Arctic, many animals make their home in this cold \_\_\_\_\_ hostile land. (2) Reindeer are found across the northernmost parts of Canada and Asia. (3) Bitter cold but deep snow do not bother the Arctic Fox. (4) A year-round hunter, this fox can be snowy white or brown, depending on the season. (5) The climate here is harsh, \_\_\_\_\_ some plants do grow and provide food for the Arctic herbivores. (6) The muskox and Arctic hare are two animals that rely on plants and grasses for food. (7) Polar bears pose no threat to the hare, and wolves do prey the small Arctic animals.

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| <p>1 Which best describes the underlined phrase in sentence 1?</p> <p>A Compound sentence</p> <p>B Compound predicate</p> <p>C Compound subject</p> <p>D None of the above</p>                                                                                                                                                | <p>4 Which conjunction best completes sentence 5?</p> <p>A however</p> <p>B but</p> <p>C or</p> <p>D and</p>                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>2 Which conjunction best completes sentence 1?</p> <p>A however</p> <p>B but</p> <p>C or</p> <p>D and</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>5 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 7?</p> <p>A Change <i>and wolves</i> to <b>but wolves</b></p> <p>B Change <i>and wolves</i> to <b>or wolves</b></p> <p>C Change <i>and wolves</i> to <b>because wolves</b></p> <p>D Make no change</p> |
| <p>3 What change, if any, should be made in sentence 3?</p> <p>A Change <i>do not bother</i> to <b>does not bother</b></p> <p>B Change <i>Bitter cold but deep snow</i> to <b>Bitter cold and deep snow</b></p> <p>C Change <i>Bitter cold but deep snow</i> to <b>Bitter cold, but deep snow</b></p> <p>D Make no change</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |



**Home Activity** Your child prepared for taking tests on conjunctions. Have your child find and circle *and*, *but*, and *or* in ads. Ask your child to explain why each word is used.

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*and  
but  
or*

**Directions** Write a conjunction on each line to complete the paragraph.

(1) The island features spectacular cliffs \_\_\_\_\_ volcanic mountains. (2) That odd seabird you observed might be a petrel \_\_\_\_\_ a fulmar. (3) The climate is extremely cold, \_\_\_\_\_ many birds are able to live here. (4) They build their nests in the cliffs \_\_\_\_\_ raise their young. (5) Birds can breed on the island, \_\_\_\_\_ they need not stay all year. (6) Some birds migrate to warmer winter headquarters, \_\_\_\_\_ others build up an insulating layer of fat. (7) One bird you are sure to see is McKay's bunting, which breeds here \_\_\_\_\_ nowhere else.

**Directions** Combine the short sentences to make one longer, smoother sentence. Use conjunctions. Write the new sentence.

*and, but, or*

8. In 1944, voles lived on St. Matthew Island. So did arctic foxes.

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9. The Coast Guard introduced 24 female reindeer to the island. They also introduced 5 males.

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10. Years before there were reindeer everywhere. Now only a few remained.

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**Home Activity** Your child learned how to use conjunctions in writing. Have your child read about reindeer and write simple sentences about them. Ask your child to find ways to combine some of the related sentences.