

Unit 6 Conjunctions used in compound sentences

You saw in Module 5 that a **compound sentence** has two main clauses joined together by a **conjunction**.

- You can use the following conjunctions to make a compound sentence: *for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so*.
- When two main clauses are linked into a compound sentence, put a comma before the conjunction.

Examples:

- Riaan washed his face twice a day, **yet** he still had acne.
- You can choose the most expensive product, **or** you can simply look for the product that works for your skin.
- I will not choose a product for its popularity, **nor** will I buy it because an advertisement tells me I need it.
- Beauty is only skin deep, **so** show everyone your beauty from within.
- I will not choose this beauty product, **for** it has been tested on animals.

Notes
A comma is seldom used before *and* or *but*.

- You saw on page 80 that a semi-colon can also link two main clauses into a compound sentence.

Example:

The boy looked into the mirror; he was happy with his reflection.

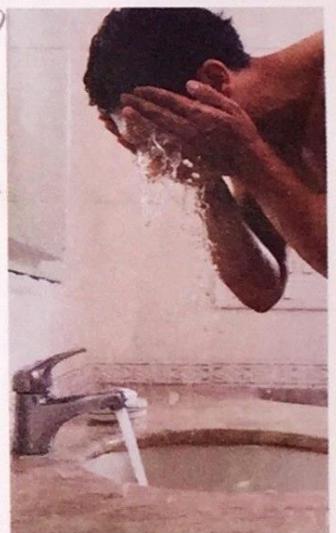
Activity 6.1 Choosing the correct conjunction

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Choose the correct conjunction in the brackets to form compound sentences. Copy your compound sentences into your exercise book.

- The ingredients in the toothpaste are harsh, (so/for) they might burn your skin. (1)
- I think the soap is excellent, (and/but) you might not like it. (1)
- You will never have bad skin, (nor/yet) will you ever have to worry about beauty creams. (*Nor* means *also not*.) (1)
- Samuel wants tea (nor/and) Denise wants fruit juice. (1)
- Did you read the instructions on the shampoo bottle first, (but/or) did you just wash your hair? (1)

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2. I think the soap is excellent, **but** you might not like it. (1)
3. You will never have bad skin, **nor** will you ever have to worry about beauty creams. (1)
4. Samuel wants tea **and** Denise wants fruit juice. (1)
5. Did you read the instructions on the shampoo bottle first, **or** did you just wash your hair? (1)

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