Language UNLEASHED

Syntax, Grammar & Discourse Resources





Conjunctions Mastery: 'or'

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Welcome:

Please note there is a glossary of helpful t

Welcome to this great set of Language Unleashed
conjunction. Conjunctions are the words that join
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Here's what's in these activities:

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Instructions

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Make sure you also have plenty of chat about the photos and follow the learner's language lead as you chat together – respond to their comments, congratulate their ideas, then extend those ideas!

Be playful and engaging. Allow the learner to add comments.



A word on cognitive load:

Cognitive load refers to the amount that the learner has to think about at one time. Learning can only happen if the cognitive load is not overwhelming. In this program, learners are asked to learn the meaning of a conjunction and how to use the conjunction to form a complex sentence. This might make the cognitive load too big for some learners.

To reduce the difficulty of the task, you can:

- Repeat the conjunction on its own or in a short phrase.
  For example:

You could take the pram or you could walk → Or. Or. Or. Or. Or.

You could take the pram or you could walk → Or. You walk.

Once you are confident that the conjunction is no longer new vocabulary, and that the learner can repeat it with some ease, you can go over the pictures again and use the entire complex sentence and conjunction.

- Take just one or two key words from each clause and join them with the conjunction. This way, the learner gets experience in using the unfamiliar language of the conjunction. They get this experience before they need to do the heavy cognitive work of also repeating the clauses. For example:

You could take the pram or you could walk → Pram or walk.

- Use items that the learner can see and hold to help them with this language learning. We often call these 'visual supports'. When a learner can 'see' the parts of a whole sentence, it can help them to understand the 'parts'.

Here's what you need:

- Use a pencil to represent the first clause of the sentence.
- Use an eraser to represent the conjunction.
- Use a different colour pencil to represent the second clause of

Here's what you do:

- Point to each 'visual' item as you say the corresponding
  learner, and with the learner.
- You could also use Lego and attach the relevant co



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Record Sheet

Student Name:

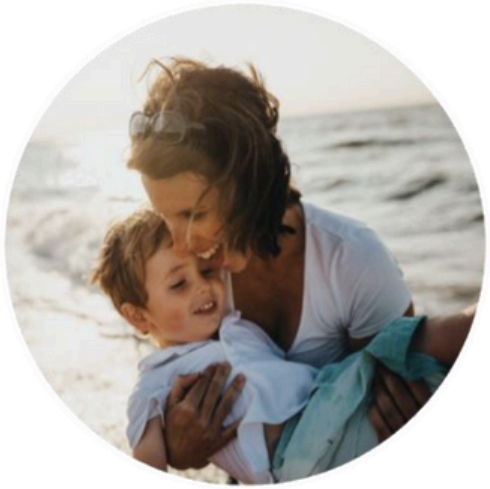
Conjunction	Needed support to copy	Able to copy correctly	Able to generate own sentence	Comments



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Or

You can buy bread, or you can buy cake.
You can choose wholemeal bread or white bread.
The girl doesn't know whether to have a strawberry cake or a chocol
Don't be rude, or the shop assistant won't serve you.
Keep the door closed, or the cold wind will come in.
Go in and eat, or you'll be cold and hungry.
Watch where you walk, or you'll step on the dogs.
Which is your favourite, sweet or savoury?
Should we go in here, or is it too crowded?
Can cats go in, or do they stay outside with the dogs?



Mother and Son at the Beach

Or

Comfort him, or he might start to cry.
Get some dry shorts, or he'll start to feel cold.
Go to the car, or he'll get cold.
Wrap him in a towel, or you'll get wet too.
Step carefully, or you might both fall.
Laugh together now, or he might feel ashamed.
Hold him tight, or you might drop him.
Don't drop him, or things will get worse.
Watch out for those rocks, or you could fall.
Keep comforting him, or he might get sad.

Have fun with it!



Woman Sewing

Or

ir, or it will fall in your face.
, or she will ruin the fabric.
pieces, or they'll get in a muddle.
ead, or the stitches will show.
machine, or it won't go.
r the clothes won't fit.
rap, or your camera will fall.
scratch your table.
e sewing will be wrong.
ou will be hungry.

Enjoy talking about the p
Model each sentence and supp
child to repeat, simplifying as
Focus on one conjunction at a



SAMPLE

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