

Linking Words – advanced

Linking word		Original sentences	Linked sentences		
AND		He got into his car. He started up the engine.	He got into his car and started up the engine		
BUT		I called him. He didn't hear me.	I called him, but he didn't hear me.		
SO		I took my umbrella. It was raining.	It was raining. So I took my umbrella.		
AS BECAUSE SINCE		I took my umbrella. It was raining.	I took my umbrella	because Since as	it was raining.
BECAUSE OF + NOUN		He couldn't drive his car. It was foggy.	He couldn't drive because of the fog.		
IN CASE		I shall take my coat. It might rain.	I shall take my coat in case it rains		
FOR FEAR THAT LEST		He told the little boy not to go near the swimming pool. He was afraid he might fall in.	He told the little boy not to go near the swimming pool	for fear that lest	He fell in.
SO THAT IN ORDER THAT		They put the photo in the living room. They wanted everyone to see it.	They put the photo in the living room	so that in order that	Everyone Might/ Should/could/would see it.
TO SO AS TO IN ORDER TO		She went to the grocer's. She wanted to buy some butter and eggs.	She went to the grocer's	To so as to in order to	Buy some butter and eggs.
SO AS NOT TO		He put his hand over his eyes. He didn't want to see the horrible sight.	He put his hand over his eyes so as not to see the horrible sight.		
BEFORE		I filled my car with petrol. I set off on my journey to the North.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I filled my car with petrol before I set off on my journey to the North. I filled my car with petrol before setting off on my journey to the North. 		
AFTER		I had my lunch. Then I read the newspaper.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After I had had my lunch, I read the newspaper. After having my lunch, I read the newspaper. 		
WHEN		She saw the injured man. She fainted.	When she saw the injured man she fainted.		
AS SOON AS		He finished the crossword puzzle. Then he threw the newspaper away.	As soon as he had finished the cross-word puzzle. He throw the newspaper away.		
WHILE		He was playing football. He slipped and hurt his ankle.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While he was playing football, he slipped and hurt his ankle. he slipped and hurt his ankle, While he was playing football. 		
AS		We were driving along the coast. We saw a swimmer in difficulty.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As we were driving along the coast. we saw a swimmer in difficulty. We saw a swimmer in difficulty, As we were driving along the coast. 		
JUST AS		I was going to get into bed. There was a knock at the door.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Just as I was going to get into bed. There was a knock at the door. There was a knock at the door. Just as I was going to get into bed. 		
ONLY JUST... BARELY... SCARCELY... HARDLY...	WHEN	They set off on their journey. A few minutes later, they had a puncture	They had	only just barely scarcely hardly	set off on their journey when they had a puncture.
			Hardly Scarcely	had they set off on their journey when they had a puncture.	

NO SOONER... THAN	They set off on their journey. A few minutes later, they had a Puncture.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They had no sooner set off on their journey than they had a puncture. • No sooner had they set off on their journey than they had a puncture.
WITHOUT	He left the room. He hadn't asked permission.	He left the room without having (asked) permission.
ALTHOUGH THOUGH	It was raining.	Although Though it was raining, they carried on playing tennis.
IN SPITE OF DESPITE NOTWITHSTANDING	They carried on playing tennis.	In spite of Despite Notwithstanding the rain, they carried on playing tennis.
EVEN THOUGH	They carried on playing tennis. It was raining.	They carried on playing tennis, even though it was raining.
(AND) YET	He left the office early. He missed the train, however.	He left the office early, and yet he missed the train.
HOWEVER NO MATTER HOW	The man ran faster and faster. He couldn't catch the dog.	However /no matter how fast the man ran. he couldn't catch the dog.
SO ... THAT SUCH ... THAT	She is very popular. People fight to get near her.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She is so popular that people fight to get near her. • She is such a popular person that people fight to get near her.
NEITHER ... NOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fouad didn't go to the meeting. Anass didn't go to the meeting too. • Leila doesn't speak Italian. Leila doesn't write Italia. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neither Fouad nor Anass went to the meeting. • Leila neither speaks nor writes Italian.
BOTH ... AND	Mohammed is fond of cats. Maryam is fond of cats too.	Both Mohammed and Maryam are fond of cats.
NOT ONLY ... BUT ... AS WELL NOT ONLY ... BUT..ALSO ...	He plays Taekwondo. He plays kickboxing too.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He not only plays Taekwondo, but He plays kickboxing as well. • Not only does He play Taekwondo, but He plays kickboxing as well. • He not only plays Taekwondo, but He also plays kickboxing. • Not only does He play Taekwondo, but He also plays kickboxing.
INSTEAD OF	He didn't wait for the bus. He took a taxi.	Instead of waiting for the bus, he took a taxi.
WHO	I went to see my aunt. She lives in Kenitra.	I went to see my aunt who lives in Kenitra.
WHOM	Mr Alaoui is going to work here. You know his wife very well.	Mr Alaoui, whose wife you know very well, is going to work here.
WHICH	I lent my friend the book. My uncle gave it to me for my birthday.	I lent my friend the book which my uncle gave me for my birthday.

Linking words exercises – Advanced (Part A)

A - Join the following pairs of sentences with (No matter how / However (

1. The maths problems may be very difficult. He always manages to solve them.

2. It may be very, very cold. He never wears a coat.

3. The film may be very interesting. He always goes to sleep at the cinema.

4. He may feel very tired. He still insists on staying up late.

5. My suitcase may be very heavy. The bellhop always manages to carry it.

B- Join the following pairs of sentences with (Instead of)

1. He spied on his sister. He should have minded his own business.

2. He took the first road. He should have taken the second one.

3. She didn't work hard. She wasted her time.

4. They didn't go swimming. They sunbathed.

5. I didn't get up at six o'clock. I got up at seven o'clock.

C- Join the following pairs of sentences with (Such that)

1. He is very handsome. All the women love him.

2. The exercise is very long. We'll never finish it this lesson.

3. It was very cold. I nearly fainted.

4. She was a charming person. We'll never forget her.

5: They are very noisy people. They disturb all their neighbors.

D - Join the following pairs of sentences with (No sooner than)

1. I opened the door. The dog ran out.

2: He stood up. He fainted.

3. They got on the bus. They realized they hadn't any money.

4. He finished his lunch. He felt sick.

5. They settled into their new house. They decided to move again.

E- Join the following pairs of sentences with (Scarcely / Hardly..... when.....)

1. The cat ate the mouse. It was sick.
.....

2. He came in. He went out again.
.....

3. She put on a clean dress. She spilt some soup on it.
.....

4. She had her supper. She asked for something else to eat.
.....

5. We sat down to relax. The doorbell rang.
.....

F - Join the following pairs of sentences with (Since)

It has been raining since five o'clock

1. They started their lunch at 12. 30 p.m. They're still eating.
.....

2. She went to sleep at 11 p.m. It's 7 a.m. and she isn't awake yet.
.....

3. She began this sweater last year. She's still knitting it.
.....

4. They moved to Tetouan in 1982. They're still living there.
.....

5. I bought this handbag in 2003. • I'm still using it.
.....

Key answers (Part A)

Exercise A.

1. No matter how/ however difficult the maths problems are/ may be, he always manages to solve them
2. No matter how/ however cold it is / may be, he never wears a coat.
3. No matter how/ however interesting the film is / may be, he always goes to sleep at the cinema.
4. No matter how/ however tired he feels / may feel, he still insists on staying up late.
5. No matter how/ however heavy my suitcase is / may be, the porter always manages to carry it.

Exercise B

1. - **Instead of** spying on his sister, he should have minded his own business.
- He spied on his sister **instead of** minding his own business.
- 2 - **Instead of** taking the first road, he should have taken the second one.
- He took the first road **instead of** (taking) the second one
- 3 - **Instead of** working hard, she wasted her time.
- 4 - **Instead of** getting up at six o'clock, I got up at seven o'clock

Exercise C

- 1 - He's **such** a handsome man / boy **that** all the women love him.
- 2 - It is **such** a long exercise **that** we'll never do it this lesson
- 3 - It was **such** cold weather / It was **such** a cold day **that** I nearly fainted.
4. She was **such** a charming **that** we'll never forget her.
- 5-.They are **such** noisy people **that** they disturb all their neighbors.

Exercise D

- 1 - **No sooner** had I opened / I had **no sooner** opened the door **than** the dog ran out.
- 2 - **No sooner** had he stood / He had **no sooner** stood up **than** he fainted.
- 3 - **No sooner** had they got / they had **no sooner** got on the bus **than** they realized they hadn't any money.
- 4 - **No sooner** had he finished / He had **no sooner** finished his lunch **than** he felt sick.
- 5 - **No sooner** had they settled / they had **no sooner** settled into their new house **than** they decided to move again.

Exercise E

- 1- **Scarcely (Hardly)** had the cat eaten / the cat had **scarcely (hardly)** eaten the mouse **when** it was sick.
- 2 - **Scarcely (Hardly)** had he come in / He had **scarcely (hardly)** come in **when** he went out again.
- 3 - **Scarcely (Hardly)** had she put on / She had **scarcely (hardly)** put on a clean dress **when** she spilt some soup on it.
- 4 - **Scarcely (Hardly)** had she had / She had **scarcely (hardly)** had her supper **when** she asked for something else to eat.
- 5 - **Scarcely (Hardly)** had we sat down / we had **scarcely (hardly)** sat down to relax **when** the doorbell rang.

Exercise F

- 1 - They **have been having / eating** their lunch **since** 12.30 p.m.
- 2 – She **has been sleeping since** 11 p.m.
- 3 - She **has been knitting** this sweater **since** last year.
- 4 - They **have been living** in Tetouan **since** 1982.
- 5 - I **have had / I have been using** this handbag **since** 2003.

Exercises part B

A Fill the blanks, with the appropriate words from those given below each sentence.

- 1- he was on sick-leave, he went out with his wife.
In spite of / although / however / despite
- 2- He knocked him out stole his money.
In order to / because / and / so that
- 3- they had eaten the meal, they washed the dirty dishes.
Before / after / though / while
4. He couldn't get to school yesterdaythe bus strike.
Because of/ since / because / in case
- 5- He is the boybrother had a terrible accident last week.
Which / who / whose / whom
- 6-had I started to speak when my brother interrupted me.
Just / no sooner / scarcely / just as
- 7-They arrived early,the heavy rain.
However / in spite of / although / but
- 8- That's the manI sold my car to.
Whose / which / whom / what
- 9 -We hadfinished the exercise than the teacher gave us another one to do.
Just / scarcely / hardly / no sooner
10. He has got a bad leg,he still plays football.
So / and yet / so that in / spite of

B / Fill the blanks in the following sentences, choosing the appropriate words from those listed below:

Instead of/ in spite of/ so as to / so that / because of/ before/ for fear that / so.... that / without / as soon as/
Suchthat / even though

1. Please turn the radio upwe may hear the news.
2. People still waste paperthe growing shortage of raw materials..
3. He took off his shoes entering the mosque.
4. He went to bedhe had finished his homework.
5.saving his money, he spends it all on trivial things.
6. It wasa cold day..... I wore three sweaters.
7. He worked extra hours.....earn more money.
8. We had to take a different road The accident.
9. They walked all daystopping to have a rest.
10. He hid the present in his bedroomhis mother should see it before her birthday.

C- Join the following pairs of sentences using the words given.

1. I put the receiver down. A few seconds later, the phone rang again. (No sooner)

.....

2. It was a marvellous holiday. I'll never forget it. (Suchthat) .

.....

3. I'm going to take a coat. The weather might turn colder later on. (In case)

4. I didn't have a hot meal. I had a sandwich. (Instead of)

5. Zineb looked the word up in her dictionary. She wrote the definition down. (After)

6. I didn't laugh. I didn't cry either. (Neither..... nor)

7. It was very cold. They opened all the windows (in spite of)

8. He went away. He didn't even say goodbye to us. (Without)

9. I held the little boy's hand. I was afraid he might run into the road. (For fear that)

10. Rokaya arrived home early. She didn't want to miss her favourite TV programme. (So as not to)

D / Put each set of sentences into a logical order and join them together using the words given. Make any Necessary changes.

1. Bill decided to hide.
Bill was approaching his house.
Bill wanted to see what the man was up to.
Bill saw a man running up his garden path.

So
just as
in order to

2. Rachid arrived home from work yesterday evening.
The director wanted Rachid to return to the office.
Rachid's secretary phoned him.

Because
no sooner than

3. I happened to find a little boy.
The little boy had lost his mother.
The little boy was crying.
I was doing my shopping the other day

Because
While
who

4. Yasmin wasn't punished.
Yasmin went out of the classroom.
Yasmin didn't ask the teacher's permission.

Without
although

5. The teacher gave Taha some homework.
Taha didn't do the homework.
Taha wanted to watch a football match.
Taha went to the stadium.

instead of
to
which

6. The neighbours were making a lot of noise.
I tried to go to Sleep.
I got into bed.
I was unable to.

Because
But
and

7. She didn't want to wake the children up.
She didn't switch on the light.
It was dark.
She tried to find her way to the bathroom.

without
although
as

8. Souad can't bear the sight of blood.
Souad fainted.
Souad saw the injured man.

When
because

9. A few seconds later, their son complained of a terrible pain in his stomach.
They finished breakfast.
They decided to keep their son at home.
They didn't send their son to school.

Hardly..... when
So
instead of

10. The friend told me about a new bookshop.
Last Saturday, I met a friend.
The bookshop has just opened.

Which
who

Key answers to Exercises part B

A Fill the blanks, with the appropriate words from those given below each sentence.

- 1- **Although** he was on sick-leave, he went out with his wife.
- 2- He knocked him out **and** stole his money.
- 3- **after** they had eaten the meal, they washed the dirty dishes.
4. He couldn't get to school yesterday **because of** the bus strike.
- 5- He is the boy **whose** brother had a terrible accident last week.
- 6- **Scarcely** had I started to speak when my brother interrupted me.
- 7-They arrived early, **in spite of** the heavy rain.
- 8- That's the man **whom** I sold my car to.
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After Zineb had looked the word up in her dictionary, she wrote the definition down.
6. I didn't laugh. I didn't cry either. (Neither..... nor)
I **neither** laughed **nor** cried.
7. It was very cold. They opened all the windows (in spite of)
In spite of the fact that it was very cold, they opened all the windows.
In spite of the cold they opened all the windows.
In spite of its being Very cold they opened all the windows.
8. He went away. He didn't even say goodbye to us. (Without)
He went away **without** even saying goodbye to us.
9. I held the little boy's hand. I was afraid he might run into the road. (For fear that)
I held the little boy's hand **for fear that** he should run into the road.
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Just as Bill was approaching his house, he saw a man running up his garden path, **so** he decided to hide
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The director wanted Rachid to return to the office. no sooner than
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I was doing my shopping the other day
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 Yasmin went out of the classroom. although
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Although Yasmin went out of the classroom **without** asking the teacher's permission, she wasn't punished.
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 Taha didn't do the homework. to
 Taha wanted to watch a football match. which
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 I got into bed **and** tried to go to sleep, **but** I was unable to **because** the neighbours were making a lot of noise.
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 She didn't switch on the light. although
 It was dark. as
 She tried to find her way to the bathroom.
Although it was dark, she tried to find her way to the bathroom **without** switching the light on **as** she didn't want to wake the children up.
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 Souad fainted. because
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 They finished breakfast. So
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 They didn't send their son to school.
 They had **hardly** finished / **Hardly** had they finished breakfast **when** their son complained of a terrible pain in his stomach **so**, **instead of** sending him to school, they decided to keep him at home.
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