Conjunction Connection

Find sentences joined by coordinating conjunctions.

3.L.GC.1.21 "Grammar: Use coordinating conjunctions to join words, phrases, or clauses. (Master)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

JOINED

This category uses a coordinating conjunction, such as and, but, or, or so, to join words, phrases, or complete ideas.

The fox watched quietly, yet the field stayed empty.

NOT JOINED

This category has no coordinating conjunction. It may use a different kind of joining word.

Although rain fell, the parade continued.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle JOINED or NOT JOINED for each item, then pick two items and explain which coordinating conjunction is present or why no coordinating conjunction is present.

1. Mia packed apples and crackers. JOINED NOT JOINED
2. The wind blew, so we closed the windows. JOINED NOT JOINED
3. We stayed indoors because hail fell. JOINED NOT JOINED
4. The rabbit hopped but did not run. JOINED NOT JOINED
5. Dad washed the car. JOINED NOT JOINED
6. Under the bed, the kitten slept. JOINED NOT JOINED
7. Would you like juice or water? JOINED NOT JOINED
8. The dancers practiced after school. JOINED NOT JOINED

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new JOINED example and one new NOT JOINED example.

JOINED _____

NOT JOINED _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that uses two coordinating conjunctions to join three things or ideas.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Mia packed apples and crackers.	**JOINED**	And joins the words apples and crackers.
2	The wind blew, so we closed the windows.	**JOINED**	So joins two complete ideas.
3	We stayed indoors because hail fell.	**NOT JOINED**	Because is not a coordinating conjunction.
4	The rabbit hopped but did not run.	**JOINED**	But joins the verb phrases hopped and did not run.
5	Dad washed the car.	**NOT JOINED**	There is no coordinating conjunction.
6	Under the bed, the kitten slept.	**NOT JOINED**	There is no coordinating conjunction.
7	Would you like juice or water?	**JOINED**	Or joins the words juice and water.
8	The dancers practiced after school.	**NOT JOINED**	There is no coordinating conjunction.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **JOINED**: Omar wore boots and mittens.
- **NOT JOINED**: Since the library was closed, we returned home.

Challenge: Nina packed pencils, paper, and crayons, but she forgot her ruler.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. For Part 2, accept explanations that correctly identify a coordinating conjunction or state that the item has none. The Part 3 samples are listed in category order: JOINED, then NOT JOINED.