



**English Conversation Club**

Meets  
9:30-11am  
on Tuesdays  
here!

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# ***Correlative Conjunctions!***

## Correlative Conjunctions

There are 10? pairs:

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| – Both / And          | – Such / That      |
| – Neither / Nor       | – As many / As     |
| – Not only / But also | – As / As          |
| – Either / Or         | – No sooner / Than |
| – Whether / Or        | – Rather / Than    |

## Correlative Conjunctions

Correlative conjunctions are

- two linked words
- used to join
  - words *of equal 'weight'*,
  - phrases *of equal 'weight'*, or
  - clauses of a sentence *of equal 'weight'*

## Correlative Conjunctions

Correlative conjunctions make strong positive (or equally negative) connections between the 2 parts.

**Both/And**, **Either/Or** and **Neither/Nor** make stronger connections than do the **And**, **Or** and **Nor** co-ordinating conjunctions.

- Cats **and** dogs make good pets.  
**Both** cats **and** dogs make good pets.
- Ron **or** David found my bicycle.  
**Either** Ron **or** David found my bicycle.
- I don't drive a car, **nor** a motorbike.  
I drive **neither** a car **nor** a motorbike.

## Examples of Correlative Conjunctions

- **Joining words:**  
**Neither** Julie **nor** John can play football this week.
- **Joining phrases:**  
All these clothes are **either** too small **or** worn out.
- **Joining clauses:**  
**Either** Monica will bring drinks, **or** she will bring cakes.

## Notes about Correlative Conjunctions

Not only / But [you may break here!] also. E.g.:

“Not only is he a great singer, but he is also an actor.”

Not only / But also has to have the subject and verb swapped in the second part:

“Not only will he eat a lot, but he will also drink a lot.”

*It's easy to be confusing if  
the two parts don't have equal 'weight'!*

“Both John told me and Keith” = confusing.

“Both John and Kevin told me” = clear

“John told both Kevin and me” = clear (but different)

“Whether it rains or the party starts late, we will have a great time together” = confusing.

(What happens if it's sunny and the party starts OK?)

“Whether the party starts late due to rain or for another reason we will have a great time together” = clear

## Examples of use of Correlative Conjunctions

- **Such** is her fear of spiders **that** she won't enter a room until someone has checked it first.
- He would **rather** have his leg cut-off **than** go to the dentist.
- **Whether** you walk **or** drive, you'll need a ticket.
- There are **as many** people in China **as** fish in the sea.
- My wife is **as** beautiful **as** the Mona Lisa [*is beautiful*].
- **No sooner** did I learn to ski, **than** the snow began to melt.

**Here are some examples**

- John is a bad boy. Julie is equally badly behaved.
  - John is **as bad as** Julie
  - **Just as** John is a bad boy, **so** Julie is bad (too)
- Nottingham Forest FC won't win the FA cup in 2025. Notts County FC will not be promoted.
  - **Not only** will Nottingham Forest not win the FA cup, **but** Notts County will also not be promoted.
- If Rishi Sunak is re-elected, the King will make him Lord Sunak. If Rishi isn't re-elected, the King will also make him a Lord.
  - The King will make Rishi Sunak a Lord **whether** he is re-elected **or** not

- Yesterday Eunice planted some tomato plants. She also planted some cucumber plants.
  - Yesterday Eunice planted **both** some tomato **and** some cucumber plants
- I like playing football. I prefer playing cricket.
  - I'd **rather** play cricket **than** football
- Inflation is caused, equally, by the price of energy and the nation's financial policies.
  - **Both** the price of energy **and** the nation's financial policies cause inflation
- She finished packing at the same time that the removal lorry arrived at her house.
  - **No sooner** had she finished packing **than** the removal lorry arrived at her house