

## Conjunctions and Adverbs

Read the sentences below and try to understand the meaning of the words in italics. Then, match the conjunctions or adverbs with the correct meaning.

*Though* I was tired, I went for a walk.

We all had a good time *although* our team lost the match.

So many questions, and *yet* so few answers.

Diamonds may be red, yellow or green, *yet* the most valuables are colourless.

*However* you try to explain it, I still can't understand the solution.

Diamonds are not the most valuable stones; they are, *however*, the most desirable.

To travel to China you have to get a visa and you'll *also* need vaccinations.

I don't want to go, *besides* I'm too tired.

<b>Although</b> and <b>though</b>	as a conjunction means 'any way' or 'it doesn't matter how'
<b>Yet</b>	... is an adverb meaning 'as well' or 'besides.'
<b>However</b>	... means 'in spite of (something).'
<b>Also</b>	... is more common in speaking.
<b>Besides</b>	... as a conjunction means 'but' or 'nevertheless.' It is used to show contrast, usually used after 'and'
<b>Though</b>	... as an adverb adds information or introduces a similar idea, it means 'in addition to' or 'also.'

### Have a Laugh

Q: *Why did the banana go to the hospital?*

A: *Because he wasn't peeling well!*

Q: *Which runs faster, hot or cold water?*

A: *Hot, because you can catch cold.*

Q: *Why was the baseball game so hot?*

A: *Because all the fans left!*

**To review conjunctions and adverbs complete the following activities**

**a. Write each sentence in a different way using the words given.**

1. The baby doesn't like veggies so he doesn't eat them.

\_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

2. We asked her for a glass of water because we were thirsty.

\_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_

3. Now UK is a member of the EU but it was not one of the founder members.

Although \_\_\_\_\_

4. No matter how cold it is she goes swimming

However \_\_\_\_\_

**b. Complete the sentences below**

1. The man moved to a foreign country so that \_\_\_\_\_
2. I didn't like the main actor, yet \_\_\_\_\_
3. The Mayor decided to open a new library so that \_\_\_\_\_
4. Samuel didn't study, yet \_\_\_\_\_
5. There hasn't been a world war for \_\_\_\_\_
6. They are poor but \_\_\_\_\_
7. Things have changed a lot since \_\_\_\_\_

**Funniest jokes of Edinburgh Fringe**

**2011: Nick Helm** - "I needed a password eight characters long so I picked Snow White and the Seven Dwarves."

**2014: Bec Hill** - "I used to think an ocean of soda existed but it was just a Fanta sea."

**2014: Phil Wang** - "Due to the size of my social circle, a lad's holiday would resemble a romantic getaway."

You can find more information about coordinating conjunctions

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/grammar/learnit/learnitv27.shtml>

and the difference in use between *because, as, since and for in:*

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/grammar/learnit/learnitv231.shtml>