E Joining Sentences with Conjunctions

We should be wise in the choice of the conjunctions to be used in a sentence. A wrongly chosen conjunction can either make the sentence look absurd or convey a different meaning altogether.

Example:

- The car was very old. It performed the long journey without any breakdown.

Wrong choice of conjunction can change the meaning of this sentence completely.

- The car was very old so it performed the long journey without any breakdown.

'So' is not the correct conjunction to join them as these sentences are conveying a contradiction. These sentences can be joined by the conjunctions: but, yet, although or although...yet.

- The car was very old *but* it performed the long journey without any breakdown.
- The car was very old *yet* it performed the long journey without any breakdown.
- *Although* the car was very old, it performed the long journey without any breakdown.
- *Although* the car was very old *yet* it performed the long journey without any breakdown.

F Join the sentences given below with *coordinating conjunctions*.

1. Wise men prefer silence ..while..... fools love to talk.
2. We played very well ...but..... we still lost the game.
3. My friend ..and..... I are going shopping this afternoon.
4. I want to get there early .....so..... we should leave soon.
5. Ed wasn't a popular boy ..for..... he generally kept quiet.
6. It doesn't matter whether they get the tickets ....or..... not.
7. Could you please be quick, .else..... we will not reach there on time.
8. She will be successful in life ..for..... she is very sincere and hard-working.
9. He doesn't have much money ...but..... he always seems to have nice things.
10. The principal was very angry at Ravi's misbehaviour, .yet..... she did not scold him.

G Fill in the blanks with suitable *conjunctions* from the box.

either	if	when	whether	nevertheless
so that	but	since	even	otherwise
because	as	neither	what	unless

1. I don't know what ..... to say.
2. She likes swimming, ... even ..... in winter.
3. I'm going home whether .... you like it or not.
4. Neither ... drinks nor food are allowed in this room.
5. Either ..... I will sing or Mahima will sing at the event.
6. If ..... they were older, they could go to the party.
7. They were very tired nevertheless .. they continued to work.
8. Look at the map, please, otherwise . you'll lose your way.
9. Her baby cannot fall asleep unless ..... she stays in the room.
10. He reads magazines but ..... he doesn't like to read books.
11. When ..... you're all settled in London, write an email to me.
12. She goes to the tennis club .... as ..... she likes to play tennis.
13. Because .... he had lost his wallet, he couldn't go to the restaurant.
14. Since ..... you didn't come yesterday, I have brought your book today.
15. A canal was dug .. so that .. the farmers could get water for their fields.

H Combine the sentences given below with suitable *subordinating conjunctions*.

1. They worked hard, yet They could not qualify.
2. It has been a long time, since I last saw you.
3. I met Avishi, when I was waiting for the bus.
4. I cannot get out of bed, as I am too tired.
5. I continued to work. I was getting late. I was getting late nevertheless I continued to work.
6. She sang well. She had not practised enough.
7. I met Rahul, as I was entering the grocery store.
8. I kept sitting in the car, lest It should be towed away.
9. Carry your pullover, so that You don't feel cold in the evening.
10. Although They made the plans to go, yet They ended up not being able to make it.

I Match columns A, B and C to form meaningful sentences.

	Column A	Column B	Column C
1.	Do	whatever (1)	you go. (8)
2.	We all know	when (7)	has stolen my mobile phone. (3)
3.	I don't know	wherever (8)	you want to. (1)
4.	Keep walking	because (5)	he had not been invited. (5)
5.	He did not come	who (3)	they had been advised. (6)
6.	They acted	until (4)	you reach the bus station. (4)
7.	We will resume our journey	as (6)	the sun rises. (7)
8.	I will follow	that (2)	he is very honest. (2)

J Circle the *correlative conjunctions* that complete each of the sentences given below.

1. ..... Alex ..... Charles tried out for the school play.
   (a) Whether...or (b) Both...and
2. ..... you clean your room ..... you stay at home.
   (a) Either...or (b) Neither...nor
3. I didn't know ..... to laugh ..... cry.
   (a) whether...or (b) not only...but also
4. ..... did she do well in her Maths test, ... she got an 'A' for her Social Studies report.
   (a) Both...and (b) Not only...but also
5. ..... do they pay the rent ..... do they vacate the house.
   (a) Neither...nor (b) Not only...but also
6. ..... had I entered my home ..... it started to rain.
   (a) No sooner...than (b) As...as
7. ..... I was early, ... I left late from work.
   (a) Although...yet (b) Not only...but also
8. ..... had she started speaking ..... the phone rang.
   (a) Either...or (b) Hardly...when

Class 7

Direct and Indirect Speech Answers

A. ladder, carrying, bundle, duck, old, heavy, thanked, good people, help, nice, home, robbed

N. 1. Mr West will say that he is very tired.
2. He said that he was flying to Rome the next day.
3. Jane said to her father that she wants to study medicine.
4. Helen exclaimed how much fun it was at the party.
5. George said that he had lived in that village all his life.
6. Her friend asked me where I had found that CD.
7. She said to take the following turn and wait for her.
8. He said to me he had seen my friend at the cinema the day before.
9. Maira said to him that she had called him up but he had not answered an hour before.
10. Peter asked me if I could ask my mother to share the recipe with him.

O. 1. 'How much did this coat cost?', she said.
2. Peter said to Tom, 'Please give me your pen.'
3. He said to them, 'Don't go out alone.'
4. My mother said to me, 'Be more careful.'
5. Karan will say to his mother, 'I am doing it.
6. She said to me, 'Do you know where Mrs Baker lives?'
7. The nurse said to me, 'Where does he live in Delhi?'
8. Kanika said, 'Oh! What a lovely novel this is!'
9. The old man said, 'I am more cautious now.'
10. He said, 'Alas! I have failed again.'
11. The weather report said, 'It will rain next month.'
12. The teacher said to me, 'Write your name on this paper.'
13. The scientists said, 'The Earth revolves around the Sun.'
14. Mr Khan said, 'I will go to Kolkata the next week.'
15. The teacher said, 'We will learn about the history of Mohenjo-daro today.'