

## CONNECTORS

**(a)** A Connector is a word which merely join sentences or sometimes words.

Examples:

Ram and Shyam are good friends

He is thin but healthy.

**(b)** Connectors or conjunction may be used in pairs as well.

Example:

Either-or-either behave properly or quite the class.

Neither-not-he is good neither at studies not at sports

Bothe-and-he is both honest and hard-working.

Though-yet-though he is hurt, yet he is not complaining.

Whether-or- I do not know whether he'll come or not.

Not only-but also-he is not only foolish but also spoilt.

Note. Such connectors, also known as correlative conjunctions, are used immediately before the words to be connected.

Sometimes certain compound expressions can be used as connectors like even if, so that, as though, as well as, provide that, in order that, etc.

**Examples:**

I'll lend you the book provided that you return it on time.

He walks as if he were lame.

The Connectors or conjunctions are two types:

**(a)** Co-ordinating conjunctions which join clause of equal rank.

**Example:**

Listen to me or I'll complain against you.

**(b)** Subordinating conjunctions which join a clause with another on which it depends for its full meaning.

Example:

Wait here till I return.

We eat so that we may live.

We shall cancel the picnic if it rains.

### Solved Example

**Fill in the Blanks with appropriate connectors.**

**(a)** .....he is my son, I love him.

**(b)** He has been ill.....he came here.

**(c)** Rama cooked food.....her sister served it.

**(d)** It is time to go, let us start.....

**(e)** Don't leave ..... I ask you to leave.

Ans. (a) Since/As/Because (b) since (c) while (d) then (e) until

### Practice Question

**1. Fill in the Blanks with appropriate connectors.**

**(a)** .....he was not feeling well, he did not go to the office.

**(b)** .....you sow, so shall you reap.

**(c)** .....he is a gentlemen, he is well known.

**(d)** it has been a long time..... I met you.

**(e)** I don't go for evening walk.....I am very tired after office hours.

**(f)** he has invited you may a time to his hour, why don't you go.....?

**2. Fill in the Blanks with appropriate connectors.**

- (a) I worked hard.....topped my class.
- (b) he ..... his friends are responsible for breaking the seal and stealing the question papers.
- (c) She .....rested..... studied but went into the park.

**3. Fill in the Blanks with appropriate connectors.**

- (a) I study for hours..... I may top my class.
- (b) He did not complete his homework.....he was punished by his class teacher.
- (c) Don't cheat.....you should be caught red-handed by the invigilator.