

**COMMON**  
**CORRELATIVE CONJUNCTIONS**  
 (conjunctive pairs)

both... and  
 either ... or  
 neither ... nor  
 whether ... or  
 not only ... but also  
 no sooner... than

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<p><b>both ... and</b></p>	<p><b>either... or</b></p>
<p>used to emphasise the link between two things. This makes a stronger connection than and alone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Both Britain and France agree on the treaty.</li> <li>She played both hockey and basketball when she was a student.</li> </ul>	<p>it is used to connect two choices.        Well, I think she's either Czech or Slovak.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I'm going to buy either the blue one or the red one—I can't decide.</li> <li>Either he could not come or he did not want to.</li> </ul>
<p><b>just as ... so (too)</b></p>	<p><b>neither... nor</b></p>
<p>used for showing that there is a connection between two situations or actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Just as the body needs regular exercise, so too an engine needs to be run at regular intervals.</li> <li>Just as the French love their wine, so the English love their beer.</li> </ul>	<p>it is used to make negative statements connecting items. We use it when we want to say that two or more things are not true:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neither my mother nor my father went to university.</li> <li>They speak neither French nor German, but a strange mixture of the two.</li> <li>I neither know nor care what happened to him.</li> </ul>
<p><b>not only...but also</b>        not only... but... as well /too</p>	<p><b>no sooner ... than</b></p>
<p>used to emphasize that something else is also true</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>She is not only beautiful but also intelligent.</li> <li>She is not only beautiful but intelligent as well.</li> <li>She is not only beautiful but intelligent too.</li> </ul>	<p>used to show that one thing happens immediately after another thing. It is often used with the past perfect.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>They had no sooner arrived than they were arguing.</li> <li>No sooner had they arrived than they were arguing.</li> </ul>
<p><b>rather... than</b></p>	<p><b>such ... that</b></p>
<p>used to express alternatives and preferences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I would rather read a book than watch TV.</li> <li>They would rather starve than surrender.</li> <li>She would rather dance than sing.</li> </ul>	<p>used to express the cause and the result of a situation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was such a small room that the bed only just fit.</li> <li>He was in such a hurry that he almost pushed me over on the stairs.</li> <li>Such was his thirst that he gulped the drink down.</li> </ul>
<p><b>whether... or (not)</b>        whether or not</p>	<p><b>Hardly/Scarcely/Barely ...when/before</b></p>
<p>used to express a doubt or choice between two possibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He seemed undecided whether to go or stay.</li> <li>I can't decide whether to paint the wall green or blue.</li> <li>I'm not sure whether or not to go to camping this weekend.</li> </ul>	<p>used to express that one thing happened immediately after another. It is often used with the past perfect.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I had scarcely closed my eyes when someone knocked on the door.</li> <li>Hardly had I arrived home when my phone rang.</li> <li>They had barely sat down when they were told to leave.</li> </ul>