

# Conjunctions

A conjunction is a word such as **and**, **but**, or **or** that joins words, phrases, and sentences.

Use **and** to join related ideas:

The snowy owl **and** snow bunting are arctic birds.

Use **but** to join contrasting ideas:

I like the snow but not the cold.

Use **or** to suggest a choice:

Is that a ringed seal **or** a hooded seal?

You can use conjunctions to make compound subjects, compound predicates, and compound sentences. Place a comma before the conjunction in a compound sentence.

## Compound Subject

Frigid cold **and** deep snow make arctic life difficult.

## Compound Predicate

Arctic foxes do not hibernate **but** withstand the cold.

## Compound Sentence

They feed on live prey **or** they can eat remains of a polar bear's meal.