



SWT Logical Relationships & Conjunctions

Causal Relationship		Note
because	I liked swimming and hiking because they were fun.	Normally, don't use a comma before 'because'.
since	Since Hubert is not very smart, he never experiences any fear.	
so	My computer crashed, so I lost all my work.	Don't change 'so' to 'therefore' or 'thus'. 'So' is a conjunction, but both 'therefore' and 'thus' are adverbs.
Contrasts		
but	Mary is very popular among her classmates, but her poor exam scores make her teachers worried.	Don't change 'but' to 'however'. 'However' is not a conjunction.
although / though	Although / Though Mary is very popular among her classmates, her poor exam scores make her teachers worried.	
Addition		
and	Mary is very good at sports, and her classmates are very proud of her.	Use a comma before 'and' when "and" is acting as a conjunction linking two clauses.
semicolon	Mary is very good at sports; her classmates are very proud of her.	A semicolon can link any two clauses.
Purpose		
in order to	I've studied very hard in order to score high in my exams.	
Declarative relationship (time, place, effect, etc.)		
when	When it started to rain, we went inside.	
while	While Peter is spending a good time on television, Mary is practicing her piano.	
where	In 1963 we moved to Boston, where my grandparents lived.	
which	Mindfulness which is achieved by meditation techniques is very beneficial.	
that	The research result that has surprised many is undergoing further investigation.	
Double commas	Huber, a young man who never fears, is not very smart.	
Examples		



such as	This job requires various skills such as public speaking, coding and driving.	such as 后面都是接名词或者动名词 Use a noun/nouns or a verb noun/verb nouns after 'such as'
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Example:

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Points:

1. English is the world's lingua franca / the language of many fields
2. Two-thirds of people in UK and Ireland speak only English
3. More than half of EU citizens are bilingual
4. (optional) due to the specific need to learn English

Sample Answer:

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Simplified Version: (one less point in content, but easier to guarantee grammatical correctness)

English is the world's lingua franca, **and** two-thirds of people in UK and Ireland speak only English; more than half of EU citizens are bilingual.

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