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Conjunctions and Interjections

Definition

Conjunctions connect words, phrases, or clauses. Types include coordinating (and, but, or), subordinating (because, although, when), and correlative (either/or, both/and). **Interjections** express strong emotion and typically stand alone or begin sentences.

Example

Conjunctions:

Type	Example	Function
Coordinating	"She likes tennis and swimming."	Connects equal elements (FANBOYS: for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so)
Subordinating	"Because it was raining, we stayed inside."	Connects dependent clause to independent clause
Correlative	"Neither the book nor the movie was interesting."	Paired conjunctions that work together

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Interjections:

Example	Emotion Expressed
"Wow! That was amazing."	Excitement or surprise
"Oh no, I forgot my homework."	Distress or concern

Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions

Identify the type of conjunction or interjection used in each sentence about Sahara Desert sand dunes.

1. Wow! The star dunes of the Sahara can reach heights of over 300 meters.

- a) coordinating conjunction
- b) subordinating conjunction
- c) correlative conjunction
- d) interjection

2. Barchan dunes form crescent shapes because strong winds blow in one dominant direction.

- a) coordinating conjunction
- b) subordinating conjunction
- c) correlative conjunction
- d) interjection

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Part 2: Fill in the Blank

Complete each sentence with an appropriate conjunction or interjection.

1. _____, the size and scale of the Grand Erg Oriental dune sea is absolutely breathtaking! (interjection showing amazement)
2. The windward side of a barchan dune has a gentle slope, _____ the leeward side is much steeper. (coordinating conjunction showing contrast)
3. Scientists study dune migration patterns _____ they can understand desertification processes. (subordinating conjunction showing purpose)
4. _____ the moisture content _____ the grain size of sand affects how dunes form in the Sahara. (correlative conjunction)
5. Linear dunes can extend for kilometers, _____ they are often called seif dunes in the Sahara. (coordinating conjunction showing addition)

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Conjunctions and Interjections – Answer Key

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1. d) interjection ("Wow!" expresses strong emotion)
2. b) subordinating conjunction ("because" introduces a dependent clause explaining why)
3. a) coordinating conjunction ("but" connects two independent clauses)
4. c) correlative conjunction ("Neither...nor" works as a pair to connect elements)
5. d) interjection ("Ouch!" expresses pain or discomfort)

Part 2: Fill in the Blank

1. Possible answers: Wow / Oh my / Goodness / Amazing
(Any appropriate interjection showing amazement)
2. but/while/yet (coordinating conjunction showing contrast)
3. so that/in order that (subordinating conjunction showing purpose)
4. Both...and (correlative conjunction)
5. and (coordinating conjunction showing addition)