Conjunctions

Conjunctions are connecting words. They join individual words or groups of words.

Conjunctions may join:

a) the same kind of words that are the same parts of speech,

e.g. I like *apples* **and** *oranges*.(nouns) He felt *tired* **but** *happy*. (adjectives)

Will we *walk* **or** *drive*? (verbs) The judge spoke *sternly* **yet** *kindly*. (adverbs)

OR

b) groups of words that are the same kind of phrase.

e.g. She planted flowers *in the garden* **and** *along the footpath.*

He refused t*o do his homework* **o**r t*o go to school.*

The most common conjunctions in this group are: and, or, but, yet

1 Circle the conjunction and write the parts of speech it joins.

e.g. ***They argued loudly (and) aggressively.*** ***adverbs***

a) I saw lorikeets and magpies in the garden. .....

b) Would you like to drink juice or water? .....

c) Are you pleased or disappointed with your results? .....

d) I thought the test was hard but fair. .....

e) She answered softly yet confidently. .....

f) Her report card described her as clever but lazy. .....

g) Will you study or relax tonight? .....

h) She had behaved foolishly and recklessly. .....

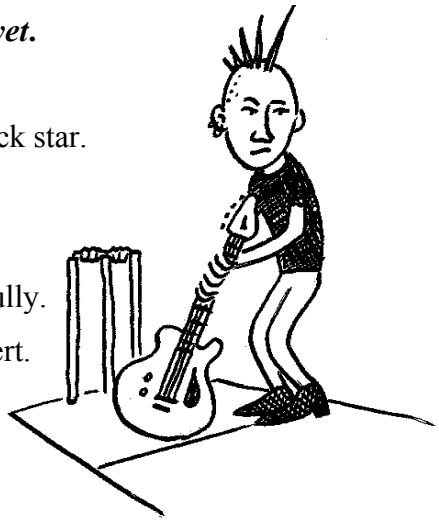
2 Complete the following sentences using *and, or, but, yet.*

a) Billy wants to be rich ..... famous.

b) He can't decide whether to be a cricketer ..... a rock star.

c) He loves his sport ..... his music.

d) Skydiving is dangerous ..... exciting.

e) The doctor treated the wound quickly ..... carefully.

f) My grandmother is very old.....still very alert.