

LO Extend sentences using different conjunctions (and, or, but) and (when, if, that, because, although)

Read the Scintillating Sentences

1A) The brave iguana made the dangerous journey. She needed to lay her eggs.

1B) The brave iguana made the dangerous journey because she needed to lay her eggs.

2A) The iguana's precious eggs were destroyed. The volcano erupted violently.

2B) The iguana's precious eggs were destroyed when the volcano erupted violently.

3A) It was difficult to film the daring iguanas. The team were determined to carry on.

3B) Although it was difficult to film the daring iguanas, the team were determined to carry on.

The words highlighted in **bold** are conjunctions. These special 'gluey' words are used to connect two clauses together.

You'll notice that for sentences 1B, 2B and 3B, a conjunction has been used to create a single sentence from two separate sentences (or main clauses).

You may have noticed that these gluey words can appear at the beginning or in the middle of a sentence.

Challenge 1

Which conjunction from the Word Wall could you use to join the two simple sentences (1A & 1B) together?

1A) I'd like to explore the Galapagos Islands. 1B) They are teeming with wonderful wildlife.

Write down your new extended sentence.

Challenge 2

Look carefully at sentence 2.

2) Land iguanas are mainly herbivores they will sometimes although eat insects and dead animals.

Can you find the conjunction? Is it in the right place? Can you improve the sentence by moving the conjunction?

Challenge 3

Write your own extended sentence about a land iguana that uses a conjunction from the Word Wall and some of the descriptive words. (Your sentence could begin with the conjunction or it could follow on from your first clause.)

Word Wall

if, because, when, although land iguana cold-blooded reptile Galapagos prehistoric crater terrifying descent dangerous rockfalls nesting site landslide

INDEPENDENT WORK

Complete each sentence by choosing the correct conjunction from the following list:

because

when

although

if

1) _____ it was extremely dangerous, the iguana needed to descend into the crater.

2) Many iguanas have died on this volcano _____ it is such a dangerous place.

3) The bird sat on the iguana's back _____ it wanted the ticks that were between the lizard's scales.

4) _____ she arrived at the nesting site, other female iguanas were already there.

5) _____ they might look frightening, they are actually gentle herbivores.

6) _____ you visit the Galapagos Islands, you must be very careful where you tread.

7) The large male thrashed its tail at his opponent _____ this was his territory.

Complete the following sentences, thinking carefully about the meaning of the conjunction highlighted in bold.

1) Land iguanas are brave **because** _____ .

2) **Although** _____ , the iguana made it safely to the bottom of the crater.

3) **If** _____ , the volcano could become a graveyard.

4) The iguana started to dig frantically **because** _____ .

5) The iguana guarded her eggs **when** _____ .