

SAMPLE LESSON FOR MAGIC WORDS

CONJUNCTIONS

Quick Explanation:

- **Magic Words** are words that connect one part of a sentence to another. Words that connect one part of a sentence to another are called *conjunctions*. (*Coordinating Conjunctions*)
 - We can go the movies **or** the park.
- *Conjunctions* can be a simple introduction in a complex sentence. (*Subordinating Conjunctions*)
 - Our walk to the park was interrupted **when** it started to rain.
- Some *conjunctions* are paired with another conjunction to show that two ideas are equal. (*Correlative Conjunctions*)
 - **Neither** my sister **nor** I were interested in going to the park when the rain stopped.

Coordinating Conjunctions	Subordinating (Dependent) Conjunctions		Correlative Conjunctions	
and but or nor for so yet	after although as as if as long as as though because before if in order that	since so so that that though unless until when where whereas while	either neither not only both whether not just as so	or nor but also and or but so as

Examples of Show Not Tell: Magic Words

- Magic Words, or conjunctions, can be used to
 - turn short/repetitive sentences into well-developed sentences.
 - add interest by combining short sentences into longer sentences
 - compose sentences that have different lengths, patterns, and interest
- Use “Magic” words as frequently as possible

Guided Practice: Magic Words- Use Magic Words to complete the sentences.

Susie screamed. (This sentence is short and lacks interest.)

- Susie screamed **when** Tony dangled a spider by her face. (Adding a conjunction shows why Susie screamed.)
- Charlie Brown fell flat. (The sentence does not give details why Charlie Brown fell flat.)
- **When** Lucy jerked away the football, Charlie Brown fell flat. (Now the reader can “see” why Charlie Brown fell.)
- I do not know **whether or not** our teacher will give us homework. (There is an equal chance the teacher will give homework.)

Independent Practice: Magic Words- Use Magic Words to complete the sentences.

Sample responses

The fire blazed **when** Dad threw on some kerosene.

When I smelled the just-delivered pizza, I pounced on my dinner last night.

The bathroom got wet **when** the tub overflowed.

_____ **not only** _____ **but also** _____.

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COMMON CONJUNCTIONS

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- Magic Words, or conjunctions, can be used to
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Magic Words for Sentence Combining	
	after
	although
	as
	and
	as if
	also
	because
	but
	before
	even though
	for
	however
	if
	just as
	provided that
	since
	so
	still
	then
	though
	therefore
	unless
	until
	when
	while
	where
	yet

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Charlie Brown fell flat.
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- The fire blazed _____.



- _____, I pounced on my dinner last night.



- The bathroom got wet _____.



- _____ not only
_____ but also _____

_____.